

Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning & Transit Committee

Committee Meeting Minutes

**DATE & TIME:** February 5, 2019 – 6:00 PM  
**LOCATION:** K.L. Binder Library  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Legislator Hector Rodriguez  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Mary Beichert, Senior Legislative Employee  
**PRESENT:** Legislators Archer, Delaune, Maloney (Joe), Rodriguez & Woltman  
**ABSENT:** Maio & Maloney (James)  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Chris White Deputy Director of Planning; Dennis Doyle, Department of Planning; John Grossbohen, City of Kingston resident, Carl Pezzino, Chair of Rail Trail Coalition, Ralph Durham, Rail Trail Coalition, Mike Ham, IDA, Ryan Vankleeck, resident, Rick Jones, IDA, Paul Andreason, IDA, Mark Feghn, resident, Ken Crannell, Deputy County Exec., Carol Hargrove Director of UCAT, Sajaa Ahmed, Deputy Director of UCAT, Jose M. DeLeon, Director of UCIS, Kevin Smith, Friends of the Catskill MTN Rail/Trail, Tim Weiderman, County Executive’s office, Maxanne Resnick, Woodstock Land Conservancy, Rick Remynder, Director of Tourism, Randall Leverette, IDA, Bill Kimball, Press, Kathy Nolan, Legislator

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

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**Motion No. 1:** Moved to Approve the Minutes of December 4, 2018

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Woltman  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Archer

**Discussion:**

None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Delaune, Maloney (Joe), Rodriguez & Woltman  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Minutes Approved

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Resolutions for the February 19, 2019 Session of the Legislature

**Resolution No. 56:** Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Department Of Transportation To Accept New York State Funds For Ulster And Dutchess County Public Transit Service (LINK) – Department Of Public Transportation (Ulster County Area Transit)

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution approves the NYSDOT to accept reimbursement for the operation of the LINK service.

**Motion No. 2:**                   **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 56**  
**Motion By:**                   Legislator Archer  
**Motion Seconded By:**   Legislator Woltman

**Discussion:**

Carol Hargrove stated the LINK bus travels from Rosendale to Poughkeepsie train station. MTA picks up the local share of this program.

**Voting In Favor:**           Legislators Archer, Delaune, Maloney (Joe), Rodriguez & Woltman  
**Voting Against:**           None  
**Votes in Favor:**           5  
**Votes Against:**           0  
**Disposition:**             Resolution Adopted

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**Resolution No. 31:** Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – SUNY New Paltz Student Association – Ulster County Area Transit (UCAT)

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution approves an execution of a contract with SUNY New Paltz Student Association in the amount of \$66,500.00 for weekend operation of the New Paltz Loop route as benefit to SUNY NP students.

**Motion No. 3:**                   **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 31**  
**Motion By:**                   Legislator Delaune  
**Motion Seconded By:**   Legislator Archer

**Discussion:**

Carol Hargrove stated the loop bus travels around the Village of New Paltz and SUNY New Paltz College. Noted the three partners that work together are the student association, County of Ulster and Village of New Paltz.

**Voting In Favor:**           Legislators Archer, Delaune, Maloney (Joe), Rodriguez & Woltman  
**Voting Against:**           None  
**Votes in Favor:**           5  
**Votes Against:**           0  
**Disposition:**             Resolution Adopted

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**Resolution No. 32:** Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Trapeze Software Group, Inc. – Department Of Information Services

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution approves an execution of a contract with Trapeze Software Group, Inc. in the amount of \$60,746.00 to extend term of agreement and update fleet routing and scheduling software covered by maintenance and support services.

**Motion No. 4:**                    **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 32**  
**Motion By:**                    Legislator Woltman  
**Motion Seconded By:**        Legislator Maloney (Joe)

**Discussion:**

Joe Deleon stated that Trapeze is the driver mate software for the buses to give visibility on their destination. The original contract dates back to 2010 and other opportunities have been reviewed but this works best for the size of the county.

**Voting In Favor:**            Legislators Archer, Delaune, Maloney (Joe), Rodriguez & Woltman  
**Voting Against:**            None  
**Votes in Favor:**            5  
**Votes Against:**            0  
**Disposition:**              Resolution Adopted

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**Resolution No. 33:** Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Martinelli Holdings, LLC D/B/A Today Media – Department Of Tourism

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution approves an execution of a contract with Martinelli Holdings, LLC in the amount of \$80,000 to exercise first of two options to extend the term of the agreement for design, sale of advertising and printing of the Travel Guide.

**Motion No. 5:**                    **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 33**  
**Motion By:**                    Legislator Archer  
**Motion Seconded By:**        Legislator Maloney (Joe)

**Discussion:**

Rick Remsynder stated the travel guide is the County's main marketing tool. The County received a service industry award. The only travel guide in the US to receive the award. Rick Remsynder stated the vendor is consistent with delivering on time and will forward over an updated time line. Majority of guides are distributed along the Thruway, NJ and Pennsylvania. Rick stated there are over 800 businesses in the guide. Standard marketing procedure is review the best assets and what is upcoming for the next year.

**Voting In Favor:**            Legislators Archer, Delaune, Maloney (Joe), Rodriguez & Woltman  
**Voting Against:**            None  
**Votes in Favor:**            5  
**Votes Against:**            0  
**Disposition:**              Resolution Adopted

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**Motion No. 6:**                    **Motion to Block Resolutions 49, 50, 51, 52 & 53**  
**Motion By:**                    Legislator Woltman  
**Motion Seconded By:**        Legislator Delaune

**Discussion:**

None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Delaune, Maloney (Joe), Rodriguez & Woltman  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0

**Resolution No. 49:** Appointing Alternate Member To The Ulster County Planning Board – Town Of Marlborough

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution appoints Christopher Brand to the Town of Marlborough.

**Resolution No. 50:** Re-appointing Alternate Member To The Ulster County Planning Board – Town Of Marlborough

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution appoints and reappoints Frank Almquist and Anna Hayner to the Town of Ulster Planning Board.

**Resolution No. 51:** Appointing Alternate Member To The Ulster County Planning Board – Town Of Kingston.

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution appoints and reappoints Craig Henkle to the Town of Kingston Planning Board.

**Resolution No. 52:** - Reappointing Member To The Ulster County Planning Board – Village Of New Paltz

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution appoints William Murray to the Village of New Paltz’s Planning Board.

**Resolution No. 53:** Appointing Member To The Ulster County Planning Board – Town Of Marbletown

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution appoints Dan Proctor to the Town of Marbletown Planning Board.

**Motion No. 7:** **Motion to Adopt Resolutions 49, 50, 51, 52 & 53**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Woltman  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Delaune

**Discussion:**  
None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Delaune, Maloney (Joe), Rodriguez & Woltman  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Resolutions Adopted

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**Resolution No. 54:** Authorizing The County Executive And Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Amendment To The Memorandum Of Agreement With The City Of New York To Accept Grant Funding For The Ashokan Rail Trail For Construction Of Public Trailheads- Department Of Planning

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution approves Ulster County to construct two trailheads with additional New York City DEP funding.

**Motion No. 8:** Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 54  
**Motion By:** Legislator Delaune  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Archer

**Discussion:**

Chris White stated this contract is an amendment from 2015. There are three trail heads planned and this would fund to build two of the east trail heads. The estimate cost is just over 1.2 million to build two trail heads. The Planning Department would like to get the bid out in April and have the trail head completed by the Fall of 2019.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Delaune, Maloney (Joe), Rodriguez & Woltman  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Resolution Adopted

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**Resolution No. 55:** Issuing Determination And Findings Pursuant To Eminent Domain Procedure Law For The Kingston Rail Trail- PIN 8758.04- In The Town Of Hurley, Town Of Ulster And City Of Kingston - Department Of Planning

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution approves connection of the O&W Hurley Rail Trail with Kingston Rail Trail through eminent domain.

**Motion No. 9:** Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 55  
**Motion By:** Legislator Archer  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Woltman

**Discussion:**

Chris White stated the project is to connect O&W Hurley rail trail with Kingston rail trail. This resolution is a follow up to the public hearing that was done in December. The goal is to have a negotiated settlement to finish the project. The goal is to open in early 2020.

Legislator Maloney stated he is uncomfortable with eminent domain. Chris White is in complete agreement. This particular case, the property has been under contract with Ulster Savings Bank and a contract Vendee

Design fees, approximately \$200,000.00 would have to be paid back if the project did not pass. Discussion ensued.

Chris White clarified the committee is not voting on eminent domain. The committee is passing a statement that states what the Legislature heard at the public hearing is in the best interest of the community. Discussion ensued.

<b>Voting In Favor:</b>	Legislators Archer, Delaune, Rodriguez & Woltman
<b>Voting Against:</b>	Legislator Maloney (Joe)
<b>Votes in Favor:</b>	4
<b>Votes Against:</b>	1
<b>Disposition:</b>	Resolution Adopted

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**New Business:**

Dennis Doyle, Department of Planning

Update on the bus merger: Transportation Council provided information on a single transportation carrier. A route optimization study was conducted.

City bus runs on 1 hour schedules. In the past ten years, bus ridership is down from 150,000 riders to 50,000 to 80,000 riders. Discussion ensued.

An analysis on larger destination ridership was conducted. The route optimization plan is online. Discussion ensued.

The proposed takeover will be around July 1<sup>st</sup> and the plan is to have free bus service within the City of Kingston for approximately six months.

Legislator Archer asked Dennis if the shorter routes on the route optimization plan will disappear. The proposed plan will be discussed at public town meetings, changes to routes will be announced and data will be gathered from those route changes. The information will be reviewed and changes will be made if necessary. Discussion ensued.

Ridership in City of Kingston swells at end of the month and the beginning of the month which is due to social services. One of the main bus stations will be at the Business Resource Center. Discussion ensued

IDA update:

Randall Leverette stated the contract with Economic Development expired in December. Currently the IDA is in transition with staff and facilities. The IDA is not in chaos but are only seven volunteers. The past month the board members have been doing the financials, trying to get a website up and running and trying to find a location to house all documents.

Currently, the IDA members are working on PARIS, which is a program used at the end of the year for businesses that have received assistance. These businesses need to send documentation of jobs that have been created and the tax dollars that have been used. Discussion ensued.

The website was disabled. Ulster Publishing is hosting items that need to be published for now. Discussion ensued.

UTEP (Uniform Tax Exempt Policy) IDA would like to update and identify best practices for UTEP. Another best practice is a cost analysis should be done on all business. Discussion ensued.

Legislator Archer would like the IDA website to be updated with different verbiage since it has been shut down. Discussion ensued.

Randall discussed the Economic Development Contract that was presented and approved during the IDA meeting on December 12, 2018. After the meeting, Mr. Leverette was going to sign the contract and discovered the 30 day out clause was removed from the contract that was voted on.

Legislator Rodriguez stated for the record, the IDA committee was presented the Economic Development contract, voted on it and it passed 7-0. When Mr. Leverette went to sign the contract after the meeting there was a change to the contract which had not been presented to the board prior to voting on the contract. Discussion ensued.

Ellenville Million Update

Legislator Rodriguez Handout:

According to the EDA uncommitted funds as of 1/29/19 are \$146,636.00 but \$39,000 is committed for the WIFI projects. Leaves over \$100,000 dollars to be allocated.

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There being no further business, Legislator Archer motioned to adjourn, seconded by Legislator Maloney.

**Time:** 7:56 PM

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

**Minutes Approved: March 5, 2019**

**EM COMMITMENTS UNDER EXISTING CONTRACTS (2/4/19)**

<u>Component</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount to be paid out</u>	<u>Contract End date</u>
<b>JUMPSTART:</b>	Humble Gym:	Balance of \$26,568.20	to be paid by June 30, 2019
	Carmen Sabor Latinto:	Balance of \$51,980.00	to be paid by June 30, 2019
<b>GRANT MATCHING:</b>	Colony Farm	\$10,874.00	to be paid by Dec. 31, 2018 (report submitted)
	Berme Rd Park	\$10,000.00	to be paid by June 30, 2019
	Shadowland(roof)	\$25,000.00	to be paid by June 30, 2019
	D&H Heritage Trail	\$15,000.00	to be paid by Dec. 1, 2019
<b>PARKS:</b>	DOCCS	Balance of \$31,855.30	to be paid by Nov. 30, 2019
	Pavilion Project	\$64,301.31	to be paid by Nov. 30, 2019
<b>BROADBAND:</b>	Moonfarmer	Balance of \$24,000.00	to be paid by June 30, 2019
<b>PROJECT MGMT:</b>	Pattern	Balance of \$12,100.00	to be paid by Aug. 31, 2019
<b>Total.....</b>			<b>\$282,576.48</b>

**EM UNCOMMITTED FUNDS as OF 1/29/19**

<b>WATER &amp; SEWER</b>	\$ 15,000.00
<b>TOURISM &amp; MARKETING</b>	\$ 1,500.00
<b>FAÇADE</b>	\$ 27,550.00 (Amendment No. 3 extends contract to 12/31/19)
<b>BROADBAND</b>	\$ 39,000.00
<b>VOCATIONAL TRAINING</b>	\$ 29,460.00
<b>GRANT MATCHING</b>	\$ 34,126.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$146,636.00</b>

**TOTAL EM FUNDS DISBURSED as OF 1/29/19**

**Total.....\$570,787.52**

ELLENVILLE MILLION UPDATE AS OF February 4, 2019

Component	Allocation	Remaining Funds	Paid	Committed (no contract)	Under Contract (payment pending)
Parks – Improvements to Outdoor Recreational Opportunities	\$174,600.00	-0-	Kiosk-Berne Rail Trail \$55,298.69 total  DOCCS \$23,144.70		DOCCS \$31,855.30 Town Pavilions \$64,301.31
Improve Access to High Speed Broadband Project	\$75,000.00	\$39,000.00	Evolving Media Network \$12,000.00	-0--	\$24,000.00
Project Management	\$48,900.00	-0-	Pattern for Progress \$ 2,500.00 \$ 26,800.00 \$ 7,500.00	\$12,100.00 (to be paid to Pattern for Progress)	-0-
Capital Preservation & Improvement Project at the Hunt Memorial Bldg.	\$75,000.00	COMPLETED	\$75,000.00	-0-	-0-
Historic Preservation Projects at Shadowland Theater/Village of Ellenville	\$50,000.00	COMPLETED	\$50,000.00	-0-	-0-

## ELLENVILLE MILLION UPDATE AS OF February 4, 2019

Component	Allocation	Remaining Funds	Paid	Committed (no contract)	Under Contract (payment pending)
Jumpstart Fund (formerly, Economic Development Fund)	\$125,000.00	-0-	Yoga Vida \$ 21,040.00 Humble Gym \$ 5,868.49 Humble Gym \$ 8,645.64 Humble Gym \$10,897.67		Carmen's Sabor \$51,980.00 Humble Gym \$26,568.20
Water & Sewer Infrastructure Improvements	\$45,000.00	\$15,000.00	Barton & Loguidice \$ 15,000.00 Brinnier & Larios \$ 15,000.00	-0-	-0-
Tourism and Marketing Campaign	\$151,500.00	\$1,500.00	BBB&G \$ 100,000.00 Cubic \$ 50,000.00	-0-	-0-
Vocational Training & Workforce Transportation	\$50,000.00	\$29,460.00	SUNY Ulster \$20,540.00	-0-	-0-
Main Street Improvement Project (FAÇADE)	\$50,000.00	\$27,550.00	Skolar/Cafaro(#1) \$6,250.00 Masten(#2) \$6,250.00 LDR(#3) \$6,250.00 Cohen's (#4) \$3,700.00	-0-	-0-
Grant Matching & Grant Writing Assistance	\$105,000.00	\$34,126.00	Cornell \$10,000.00		ColonyFarm: \$10,874.00 Berme Rd Park Revitalization: \$10,000.00 Shadowland-roof: \$25,000.00 D&H Heritage Trail: \$15,000.00  (Total: \$60,874.00)