
GUEST PRESENTATION: Ellenville Million – Suzanne Holt, Director, Office of Economic Development

Chairman Maloney noted Director Holt’s presentation to the committee was immediately following an Economic Development Alliance meeting as approved in the revised contract last month.

Director Holt distributed and reviewed a memorandum regarding the Ellenville Million Update.

Chairman Maloney noted the Economic Development Alliance held a meeting in Ellenville in October to tour the project locations and suggested repeating this tour for the Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning, and Transit Committee when the weather improves.

Deputy Chairman Rodriguez inquired into the funding streams for each project. Director Holt replied the funding was taken from the County’s general fund with the anticipation of the funding being reimbursed from the State casino allocation. Deputy County Executive Crannell noted this was an advance on the County reimbursement anticipated to be received from the State in 2016.

Director Holt noted the County contracted with the Economic Development Alliance to administer the Ellenville Million fund. Deputy County Executive Crannell reviewed the expected State casino funding and the goal of the funding to address the impact to Ellenville when they were not selected for siting a casino.

GUEST PRESENTATION: Trails Advisory Committee – Annual Report, Steven Rice, Committee Chairman

Trails Advisory Committee Chairman Rice distributed the 2016 Annual Report from the Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee and highlighted the railroad museum activity as well as the interest and growth in the interpretive history tourism in addition to the active recreational tourism.

Chairman Maloney inquired as to the scope of the Advisory Committee and asked if they had purviews on other trails. Trails Advisory Committee Chairman Rice replied they did have review of other trails and noted their involvement in the O&W and D&H trails.

Trails Advisory Committee Chairman Rice highlighted the enabling legislation before the committee tonight included an expansion of two members to include additional focus areas.

Chairman Maloney inquired into parcels donated to a conservancy group that is seeking to establish public access in the future. He noted they were seeking tax exempt status based on the future access and inquired if the Trails Advisory Committee could assist. Trails Advisory Committee Chairman Rice replied they would be able to assist and asked for more information regarding the conservancy group to see if they can assist in speeding up the process to open public access.

Motion No. 2

Resolution No. 112

March 15, 2016

Motion Made By: Legislator Rodriguez

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Text of Motion: **Resolved to approve Resolution No. 112** - Re-Establishing The Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee – Ulster County Legislature

Resolution No. 112 Summary: This Resolution re-establishes and creates the Trails Advisory Committee of not more than Thirteen (13) Voting Members to be appointed by the Members of the Ulster County Legislature and is 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; appoints the following members of the Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee for a term expiring December 31, 2017: 1) Ulster County Legislature (3 members): Legislators Craig Lopez, Johnathan Heppner, and Jennifer Schwartz Berky; 2) Trails Community (2 members): Kathy Nolan and Doug Senterman; 3) Historical Community (2 member): Steve Rice and John Adams; 4) Hiking & Biking Communities (2 members): Hank Alicandri and Michael Reade; 5) Other Non-Motorized Transportation Communities (1 member): David Toman; 6) Local Government Officials (3 members): Carl Chipman (Supervisor, Town of Rochester), Dan Johnson (Assistant Supervisor, Town of Wawarsing) and John Morrow (Councilman, Town of Ulster); 7) New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)*; (1 member): Paul Lenz; and 8) New York State Department of Transportation (DOT)* (1 member): Lisa Mondello (*denotes non-voting members); invites Ulster County government representatives to attend all meetings of the Trails Advisory Committee, and may be asked from time to time to participate and advise the Trails Advisory Committee at the request of said Committee; and mandates the Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee to update and report to the Ulster County Legislature’s Public Health and Social Services Committee and Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning and Transit

Legislator Heppner provided an over view of the proposed legislation and shared an example of ridesharing being an economic stimulus from Hoboken, NJ where rides start and end at the local businesses. He provided examples of the companies ensuring safe public transportation through various background checks. He noted the issue blocking the service being available outside the NYC area was the insurance regulations that do not accommodate the concept of ride sharing.

Legislator Maio inquired if this legislation was just beginning the process. Legislator Heppner replied the legislation allows the service to exist outside the NYC area. He noted future regulations could be put forth to fine tune the service in local communities. He noted the local municipality would have input into the service regulations and provided an example of Lyft's experience in the City of Rochester.

Roll Call Vote: No
Voting In Favor: Legislators Berky, Delaune, Lapp, Litts, Maio, Maloney and Rodriguez
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 3

Resolution No. 140

March 15, 2016

Resolution No. 140 Summary: This Resolution states the Ulster County Legislature has examined the contract amendment with National Business Equipment LLC for the increased amount of \$25,636.21, and hereby approves the contract 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: Director of Information Services Wohlfahrt stated this vendor provided the County's print environment. She noted the service was saving the County \$8,000 per month. She stated they were re-evaluating the leases and looking at replacing devices and recognized the Department of Social Services was in need of six more devices based on their work flow. She stated they would still be saving \$6,000 per month over the previous expenses and \$2,000 per month in energy savings.

Deputy Chairman Rodriguez asked if this was 100% County funding; to which Director of Information Services Wohlfahrt replied it was.

Motion Made By: Legislator Rodriguez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Resolution No. 145 Summary: This Resolution states the Ulster County Legislature has examined the contract with RUPCO Inc for the amount of \$732,500.00, and hereby approves the contract 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: Department of Planning Director Doyle stated the County received a \$750,000 award and that \$117,000 would be given to RUPCO for program delivery and outside contractors, \$17,500 would be given to the County for grant administration, and the remaining amount would be given directly to participating homeowners. He noted RUPCO was the subrecipient and their reputation was one reason the County continued to receive the grants. He noted they had been audited for the past five years of grants and had not received any findings.

Motion Made By: Legislator Litts

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Text of Motion: **Resolved to approve Resolution No. 145** - Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – RUPCO Inc – Department of Planning

Roll Call Vote: No

Voting In Favor: Legislators Berky, Delaune, Lapp, Litts, Maio, Maloney and Rodriguez

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion Made By: Legislator Rodriguez

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Text of Motion: **Resolved to approve Resolution No. 166** - Authorizing The Chairman 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 No. 166 Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature to execute an agreement, and any amendments thereto, with the New

Motion No. 10

Resolution No. 169

March 15, 2016

Motion Made By: Legislator Maio

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Rodriguez

Text of Motion: **Resolved to approve Resolution No. 169** - Appointing Alternate Member To The Ulster County Planning Board – Town of Ulster

Resolution No. 169 Summary: This Resolution appoints Anna Hayner of Lake Katrine as the Town of Ulster Alternate to the Ulster County Planning Board for a term that shall coincide with the appointed incumbent board member (Frank Almquist) and end on December 31, 2017.

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: No

Voting In Favor: Legislators Berky, Delaune, Lapp, Litts, Maio, Maloney and Rodriguez

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 11

Resolution No. 170

March 15, 2016

Motion Made By: Legislator Rodriguez for discussion

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Text of Motion: **Resolved to approve Resolution No. 170** - Re-Authorizing the Update of the County-Wide Economic Development Strategy Ulster Tomorrow

Resolution No. 170 Summary: This Resolution requests the County Executive to update Ulster Tomorrow by reconvening the stakeholders in Ulster County, requests to be a collaborative partner in this process, in recognizing the need for public input and professional expertise, requests the Executive to engage in a collaborative process with the public/stakeholders to update the document and to utilize professional facilitation to achieve this, and requests the Executive to conduct public information sessions and seek comments as needed or requested by individual municipalities and report back to the Legislature, on the conduct of those sessions and any comments received.

Discussion: Deputy Chairman Rodriguez stated he raised this issue two years ago with a highlight to the need to work on an economic development strategy. He noted the previous efforts were fairly successful with people talking and finding common ground.

He stated the prior effort identified sectors. Deputy Chairman Rodriguez and Chairman Maloney noted the comprehensive outline format of the original document.

Chairman Maloney stated he supported the competitive edge such a document can offer but inquired as to where the money would come from. He noted the Legislature was responsible for developing policy and asked if by directing the County Executive, they would be transferring powers. Deputy Chairman Rodriguez noted the submitted resolution was written in the past and indicated he would entertain rewrites to incorporate the new Legislature's skills and abilities as long as the goal of collaboration remained. He highlighted the ability in the past for the Legislature to bring Department Heads up to the table.

Department of Planning Director Doyle noted the prior effort had the County transferring money to the Economic Development Corporation. He stated the prior plan was adopted by the County Legislature as part of the County's comprehensive plan. He indicated if this was again done as part of the comprehensive plan, there would be legal language to support some of the County Executive's involvement. He suggested having key players sit down to discuss.

Deputy Chairman Maloney stated he had no problem with the Economic Development Alliance taking a lead on this as the County Executive was the sole board member with appointed representatives.

Department of Planning Director Doyle stated the document was an articulate framework of how to proceed. He noted there had been significant work since the development of the 2009 document and should be recognized. He highlighted the cluster analysis that was updated based on the prior cluster analysis, a main street grant that was received, the areas that continue to move forward such as the focus on agriculture and marketing, the update to the shovel ready fund, and the Industrial Development Agency's annual review of its tax exemption policy to which he encouraged legislative participation.

Legislator Berky noted the cluster analysis in Brownfields was just funded. Department of Planning Director Doyle noted a contract resolution for the Brownfield grant would include a robust citizen's steering committee and tax credit benefits.

Deputy Chairman Rodriguez noted the benefit of capturing the various elements identified by Department of Planning Director Doyle and all actions included in a single strategic document. He suggested the Economic Development Alliance discuss this at their next meeting. Legislator Berky suggested a scheduled of discussions to assist in getting up to speed on various projects and contracts. Chairman Maloney concurred that one document to show where they are today would be beneficial. He suggested they pull together the updates to these elements before voting on this resolution. Deputy Chairman

Rodriguez noted the resolution was submitted with a goal of putting it on paper to get the discussion going.

Motion To Postpone the Resolution Until The April Meeting of the Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning, and Transit Committee Made By:

Legislator Rodriguez

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Roll Call Vote: No

Voting In Favor: Legislators Berky, Delaune, Lapp, Litts, Maio, Maloney and Rodriguez

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution Postponed

New Business Amending The 2016 Ulster County Budget And Authorizing A Request For Proposals For Poll By Poll Assessment to Increase Broadband Access in Ulster County. [Submitted for the April 19, 2016 Session]

Former Legislator Archer noted a decision was made in January to postpone the RFP for a very comprehensive review of broadband in Ulster County. She felt by postponing the County was missing the opportunity to get to know the gaps. She noted the inconsistent data that they had received in the Town of Rochester. She felt it would be great for the County to have a baseline when an opportunity presents itself. She noted there were mid mile and last mile issues. She felt the County should establish a baseline of where wired issues remain. She noted the experience they had at the Town level with Time Warner Cable.

Deputy Chairman Rodriguez noted a representative of the Governor's Broadband office was at the last Town Supervisor's Association meeting and indicated, while the Governor was still seeking house by house data from the industry, they encouraged the County's to do a poll by poll assessment. He stated he spoke with the County Executive who was supportive. He stated this would give the County a jumping off point and wanted to start the conversation for the April meeting.

Department of Planning Deputy Director White stated the prior RFP included four elements: gaps analysis, business plan, analysis of standards by industry and an implementable list of projects. He noted there was last mile issues as well as speed issues. He reviewed the process, the governor's initiative and the eligibility for the first round of grants. He noted the merger negotiations were requiring last mile issues and that they did not know where these issues remained. He noted 19 of the 23 municipalities

were not eligible for first round funding. He felt the need to wait until the State shakes out the anticipated changes and that they might be able to determine if they need to assess 20 towns or just 3. He noted the need to expand the gaps analysis to include economic equity.

Former Legislator Archer stated at the end of the day, the County still had no knowledge of where issues remained. She noted the poll by poll assessment could generate information that could move a project forward. She highlighted the Town of Rochester's experience with having a leg up with Time Warner Cable when they could produce the data. She suggested engaging the Town Supervisors to do the assessment in a cost effective manner. She suggested the County avoid relying on Time Warner Cable data of where they think issues remain.

Department of Planning Deputy Director White noted Lighttower has run fiber cables in areas where they were not providing service. He stated the analysis would need to dig into household discussions.

Former Legislator Archer stated the County missed a regional economic development council session held last summer.

Department of Planning Deputy Director White noted the first round of funding was for service providers and asked where does the gathering of data get the County if there locally developed maps come with 90% coverage area. He noted maps were being required to be delivered 45 days after the merger. Former Legislator Archer asked how they could validate the maps if they did not have their own data.

Deputy County Executive Crannell asked if there was a possibility to cost share the project with the municipalities. Deputy Chairman Rodriguez stated individual Supervisors that he had spoken to indicated they agreed if the coordination was done across the county.

Department of Planning Deputy Director White stated the County learned three days ago that they would be unable to get the maps from the service providers. He indicated they stated they would not give the maps to the State and they would not give them to the County.

Department of Planning Director Doyle indicated they had requested census block data. Department of Planning Deputy Director White indicated they requested to have the industry's construction people discuss the town level issues.

Chairman Maloney noted the Town of Rochester had hard data and that other municipalities were open to doing the analysis. He asked if the Department of Information Services could assist with a map. Department of Information Services Director Wohlfahrt indicated they had previously developed a map.

Department of Planning Deputy Director White stated a year ago, an assessment was done for Denning and Rochester and that Time Warner Cable completed a build out in Denning which made the data set invalid.

Former Legislator Archer stated the Town of Rochester found a 20-30% discrepancy in the data used for the State maps.

Department of Planning Director Doyle felt this was a definitional issue as the FCC had determined if the industry was providing service for one home in a census block that the census block was served as a whole.

Chairman Maloney requested Department of Planning Deputy Director White keep the Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning, and Transit Committee informed on this topic.

Old Business: None

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio
No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME: 7:54 PM

Dated the 2nd day of March, 2016
Krista J. Barringer, Deputy Clerk

Minutes Approved on: April 5, 2016