

Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning & Transit Committee

Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: March 11, 2015, 7:15 PM
LOCATION: Karen L. Binder Library, 6th Floor, COB, Kingston, NY
PRESIDING OFFICER: Deputy Chair James F. Maloney
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Krista J. Barringer, Deputy Clerk
PRESENT: Legislators Chris Allen, Lynn Archer, Tracey Bartels, Herbert Litts, III, Mary Beth Maio (left @ 8:30 PM) and Legislative Chairman John Parete (left @ 8:30)
EXCUSED: Legislator Thomas J. Briggs
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislators David Donaldson, Ken Ronk, Hector Rodriguez, Manna Jo Greene, and Rich Parete; Glenford Resident Meg Carey; Daily Freeman Reporter Patricia Doxsey; City of Kingston Complete Streets Advisory Council Member John Grossbohlin; Trails Advisory Committee Chairman Steve Rice; League of Women Voters of the Mid Hudson Valley Observation Corp Member Vic Melville; Town of Rochester Supervisor Carl Chipman; Pinegrove Dude Ranch Owner David O'Halloran; Catskill Mountain Railroad Representative John Patane; Woodstock Land Conservancy and Friends of Catskill Mountain Rail Trail Representative Kevin Smith; Woodstock Resident and Friends of Catskill Mountain Rail Trail Representative Irwin Rosenthal; Ulster County Area Transit Director Bob DiBella; Hudson Valley Resort Owner Eliot Spitzer; Ulster County Economic Development Alliance Executive Director Suzanne Holt; Ulster County Attorney Representative Tracey Steeves; and Deputy County Executive Ken Crannell

Deputy Chair Maloney called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

Motion No. 1 **RESOLVED to Approve the Minutes of February 3, 2015**

Motion Made By: Legislator Litts

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: No

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Bartels, Litts, Maloney, Maio, and Parete

Voting In Abstention: Legislator Allen

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 6
No. of Votes in Abstention: 1
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

Guest Speaker – Suzanne Holt, Director, Office of Business Services:

Director Holt provided an overview of the Office of Business Services. She noted they are the front door for all business and not for profits seeking to do business in Ulster County. She provided a snapshot of a typical day at their office. She provided a review of their proposed marketing campaign distributed as part of a handout. She highlighted the 2015 plan to hire Peter Fairweather with Fairweather Consulting to complete a targeted industry analysis as well as a techno preneur campaign which targets the small 2-10 employee businesses located in NYC.

Legislator Rodriguez asked about the Office of Business Services' role in helping to expand business. Director Holt replied about 90% of their activities were for business retention and expansion. She noted their assistance provided to those businesses applying for funding through the State Government's Consolidated Funding Application. She noted educational programs they provide. Legislator Rodriguez suggested holding the Spanish speaking educational programs in Plattekill. Director Holt agreed to work with Legislator Rodriguez in coordinating these programs in Plattekill.

Legislator Rodriguez asked about their efforts to assist with space expansion of businesses. Director Holt replied they maintain a catalyst database on all space available for rent or sale in the County. She noted a property e-blast they produce and distribute to individuals in site selection industry.

Guest Speaker – Steve Rice, Chairman, Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee:

Deputy Chairman Maloney requested Mr. Rice remain on point and indicated there would be no jousting between rails and trails tonight.

Mr. Rice reviewed the official submission of the Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee's annual report (attached) and highlighted their successes.

Motion No. 2 Resolution No. 96 – March 17, 2015

Motion Made By: Legislator Allen

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Archer for discussion

Text of Motion: **Resolved to approve Resolution No. 96 - Dissolving The Ulster County Railroad Advisory Committee And Creating The Ulster & Delaware Railroad Corridor Advisory Committee – Ulster County Legislature**

Resolution No. 96 Summary: This Resolution the Ulster County Railroad Advisory Committee shall be dissolved and re-established as the U&D ~~Railroad~~ Corridor Advisory Committee for the purposes of:

- a) conducting an exhaustive examination and study on the economic viability of the U&D Railroad Corridor, and promoting an orderly transition from current tourist train operations to future multi-modal uses; and
- b) to present recommendations to the Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning & Transit Committee and the Ulster County Legislature regarding proposed development or contracts **related to the county-owned U&D property** ; and
- c) to assume any remaining responsibilities given to the former Ulster County Railroad Advisory Committee per existing lease agreements; and, be it further

The Resolution establishes the membership of the U&D Corridor Advisory Committee to be comprised of the following members for a term commencing March 17, 2015 through December 31, 2015:

- 1) Mary Beth Maio (District 10 – Towns of Lloyd and Marlborough);
- 2) David Donaldson, (District 6– City of Kingston);
- 3) Ken J. Ronk, Jr. (District 13 – Town of Shawangunk) *Temporary Chairman;
- 4) ~~Richard A. Parete (District 18 – Towns of Hurley and Marbletown)~~ Carl Belfiglio (District 8 – Town of Esopus);
- 5) Manna Jo Greene (District 19 – Towns of Marbletown and Rosendale);
- 6) Tracey A. Bartels (District 16 – Towns of Gardiner and Shawangunk);
- 7) Donald Gregorius (District 23 – Towns of Hurley and Woodstock);

The Resolution authorizes the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature to appoint future members of the U&D Corridor Advisory Committee for two-year terms and encourages the U&D Corridor Advisory Committee to seek input from groups including, but not limited to, the Environmental Management Council, the Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee, and the current lease as well as, after consultation with and approval of the County Executive, the Department of Planning and the Department of Environment ~~the Trails Advisory Council, and the Environmental Management Council.~~

The Resolution offers the County Executive may appoint staff from the Executive branch of government to assist the U&D Railroad Corridor Advisory Committee in its work.

Discussion:

Resolution sponsor, Legislator Ronk, requested the Committee postpone the Resolution for one month. He stated he would entertain any suggestions or edits proposed by any Legislator to make this the best possible committee to do the best possible work for the County. He stated he knew he had the votes to pass the Resolution as written but wanted to seek the buy in that is necessary to create good policy for the County.

Legislator Allen motioned to postpone the Resolution for one month.

Legislator Bartels stated she welcomed Legislator Ronk’s openness to changes and suggested they talk now and not wait to discuss suggested changes.

Legislator Ronk stated he wanted to have all parties at the table to discuss the future of the corridor. He stated currently the corridor was discussed in different committees. He noted compromises were discussed with studies supporting both sides of the corridor. He felt somewhere in the middle there was the best plan for the County. He felt the people selected for the Committee could adequately represent both points of view. He noted the railroad advocates felt the Resolution favored the trail and the trail advocates think it favors the rail. He felt this meant it was the perfect compromise.

Legislator Donaldson asked what the sponsor envisioned the Committee doing and if he envisioned them doing request for proposals (RFPs) for pieces of the property. Legislator Ronk replied he did not think the Legislature had the authority to do RFPs and felt it would need to be in discussion with the County Executive’s office. He noted the Legislature’s ability to demand an RFP was murky. He felt working with the County Executive and the Planning department, they could get one. Legislator Donaldson noted the experience of a railroad corridor in the Adirondacks.

Legislators Greene and Donaldson discussed the need for a facilitator hired from an outside firm and the need to put money in the budget. Legislator Donaldson discussed the prior strategy planning effort, Ulster Tomorrow. Legislator Rodriguez agreed the expertise and facilitation skills can be beneficial where masses want to come together for a solution.

Deputy Chairman Maloney seconded the motion to postpone the Resolution for one month.

Voting In Favor:	Legislators Allen, Archer, Bartels, Litts, Maloney, Maio and Parete
Voting Against:	None
No. of Votes in Favor:	7
No. of Votes Against:	0
Disposition:	Resolution Postponed for One Month

Deputy Chairman Maloney provided privilege of the floor to Mr. David O’Halloran of the Pine Grove Dude Ranch and Mr. Elliot Spitzer of Hudson Valley Resort for presentations regarding Resolution No. 113.

Mr. O’Halloran reviewed the recent history of the economic recession and it’s impact on the tourism properties, in particular the Pine Grove Dude Ranch. He discussed the prior efforts to site Video Lottery Terminals (VLTs) at the resorts. He reviewed a proposed VLT program at the two Catskill resorts, which would encourage off-resort tourism

dollars through a comp card which would add funds based on every dollar expended in the VLTs. He noted Assemblyman Cahill was carrying the bill in the Assembly and Senator Seward was waiting for Ulster County Legislative support to enter a companion bill in the Senate.

Supervisor Chipman noted the Town of Rochester voted two years ago to support this effort. He indicated the resolution was withdrawn at the County level. He stated the Town of Rochester remains in support of the VLT program at the Pine Grove Resort and Hudson Valley Resort. He noted these two properties were the #1 and #2 private employers in the Town. He stated the only bigger employer is the Rondout Valley School District. He stated the program works with the Town's vision for Accord. He stated their effort to bring Main Street back fits right with the community comp dollar program proposed. He noted the VLT is just amenities for attendees at the resorts and not a casino, which would market for people to come just to gamble. He stated the County needed to support our hotels. He noted the Sullivan County Casino can give away rooms, making it so that the Ulster County hotels could not compete.

Legislator Greene noted in her seven sub-districts five voted against the casinos based on their concerns with gambling. She asked how they would know the amenity would improve the attendance and asked what data would be collected. Mr. O'Halloran stated the concerns about gambling would not affect the small-scale program they are proposing. He noted the day passes limit community members coming in just to gamble. He noted larger facilities will pay people to come and gamble, whereas these facilities charge just to walk through the doors. Mr. Spitzer stated he could provide more industry standard figures.

Mr. O'Halloran discussed the expected net profit per day to the property. He stated this was not a large sum but that it could fund a large (\$10 - \$40 million dollar) renovation to the properties. Mr. Spitzer stated the resort renovations could bring their facility to a 3-4 star product. He noted attendees were not coming to gamble but for other amenities. He stated the slots revenue just generates additional income.

Legislator Bartels felt the reward card was innovative and asked how it works. Mr. O'Halloran explained the loyalty/reward card, which maintains tracking software based on how much is spent. He stated the card would foster getting people to the community stores. He stated the program's loyalty and rewards as a retail change could mean the biggest economic impact for the County.

Motion No. 3 Resolution No. 113 – March 17, 2015

Motion Made By: Legislator Archer

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts

Text of Motion: **Resolved to approve Resolution No. 113** - Supporting The Placement Of Video Lottery Terminals At The Hudson Valley Resort And The Pine Grove Ranch In The Town of Rochester

Resolution No. 113 Summary: This Resolution supports the placement of Video Lottery Terminals at the Hudson Valley Resort and the Pine Grove Ranch in the Town of Rochester as well as Assembly Bill A02196 introduced by Assemblymember Kevin Cahill. It encourages a companion bill be introduced in the New York State Senate and requests the New York State Division of the Lottery place Video Lottery Terminals at the Hudson Valley Resort and the Pine Grove Ranch in the Town of Rochester. The Resolution directs the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature to forward copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos, New York State Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, New York State Senator James L. Seward, and Assemblyman Kevin A. Cahill, the Town of Rochester Town Board, and the New York State Division of the Lottery.

Discussion: No additional

Roll Call Vote: No

Voting In Favor: Legislators Allen, Archer, Bartels, Litts, Maloney, Maio, and Parete

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

Deputy Chair Maloney indicated he would be taking Resolution No. 118 out of order.

Motion No. 4 **Resolution No. 118 – March 17, 2015**

Motion Made By: Legislator Maio

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts

Text of Motion: **Resolved to approve Resolution No. 118** - Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Ulster County Economic Development Alliance – Department Of Planning

Resolution No. 118 Summary: This Resolution confirms the Ulster County Legislature has examined a contract with Ulster County Economic Development Alliance and 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:

Legislator Bartels noted Director Holt had left and indicated she had questions regarding this Resolution. Deputy Chairman Maloney indicated he did not know that Director Holt would be leaving the meeting.

Legislator Archer noted she just received the plan document for the targeted industry analysis with Peter Fairweather and it was the first she was seeing the plan. She noted the Committee's discussion in the past to receive more heads up on such documents, which would also allow for Committee dialogue on the plan before voting on moving the money.

Legislator Archer motioned to postpone the Resolution for one month. Legislator Allen seconded.

Deputy Chairman Maloney noted Peter Fairweather had been hired by the UCEDA to conduct the analysis. Legislator Archer replied she understood this but also thought the Committee had an agreement and that they would be talking about these things with ample time to get information before making a decision on moving money. She noted she just received the documents today and was only asking that they be given time to digest the information before moving the money.

Legislator Bartels noted she was new to the Committee and at a prior meeting she attended, the discussion was for information in advance of the meeting. She stated she would want to see a plan with the budget attached. She noted there was not breakdown of expenditures on the document provided and indicated she would request such information prior to voting.

Deputy Chairman Maloney noted the contract would be with the County and UCEDA with a subcontract between Fairweather Consulting and UCEDA. Deputy County Executive Crannell noted this was a request for general operating revenue. Legislator Archer noted the funding was for the full \$150,000, which would fully fund the Fairweather Consulting contract. Legislator Bartels felt she could get the information requested within the month.

Legislator Rodriguez stated he would discuss his questions with Director Holt. He noted the contract's Schedule A indicated:

C. Program Management:

- i. Provide oversight and administration of County economic development programs including, but not limited to:
 - a. Revolving Loan Fund
 - b. Shovel Ready
 - c. Ready-to-Go

He felt this sounded like a re-creation of the Ulster County Development Corporation (UCDC), which provided the staff support to these programs. Deputy Chairman Maloney noted these programs have always existed and that there had not been a Revolving Loan Fund or a Shovel Ready meeting in close to two years. Legislator Rodriguez asked about the prior staff support to these programs. Deputy Chairman Maloney replied it was the UCDC. He noted there was probably overlap with Office of Business Services. Legislator Rodriguez reiterated his belief that this was a re-creation of UCDC. Deputy Chairman Maloney noted the creation of the Office of Business Services.

Deputy Chairman Maloney stated he did not oppose postponing the Resolution for a month and wanted the Committee members to be clear in their understanding of the structure of how the Ulster County Economic Development Alliance and the County.

Legislator Archer stated she had asked Director Holt if the Ulster County Economic Development Alliance meetings could be aligned with the Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning, and Transit Committee. She noted information does not get back to the Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning, and Transit Committee members. She stated without asking for specific information, the Committee members do not receive the information. She noted she is seeking information to make informed decisions.

Deputy County Executive Crannell stated they were open to schedule a side meeting with the Committee during the day. He stated a delay of one month would be acceptable but the contract would reach a point where action would be needed.

Deputy Chairman Maloney noted the next meeting of the Ulster County Economic Development Alliance was scheduled for next Thursday at 3:00 PM.

Legislator Bartels asked if the Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning, and Transit Committee was copies on all Ulster County Economic Development Alliance materials, such as agendas. Deputy County Executive Crannell replied the material was sent to the clerk. ***[Post Meeting Note: Clerk Fabella the last submission of Ulster County Economic Development Alliance meeting material was for the January 2015 meeting. She stated it would be requested for future meetings.]***

Legislator Archer requested that Deputy Clerk Barringer distribute copies of the presentations via email to the Committee.

Deputy County Executive Crannell stated there were two presentations of possible consultants and the meeting to be held next Thursday would be focused on the audit. He encouraged Legislators to reactivate the Shovel Ready and Revolving Loan programs. Deputy Chairman Maloney stated the programs had been reactivated. Legislator Bartels asked if these Committees were fully appointed. Deputy Chairman Maloney indicated he was not sure. Legislator Archer reiterated her belief that this was examples of the types of dialogue the Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning, and Transit Committee should be having and felt it was really helpful.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Allen, Archer, Bartels, Litts, and Maloney
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 5
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Postponed for One Month**

Motion No. 5 **Resolution No. 114 – March 17, 2015**

Motion Made By: Legislator Litts for discussion

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Archer for discussion

Text of Motion: **Resolved to approve Resolution No. 114** - Appointing
Alternate Member To The Ulster County Planning Board –
Town Of Marlborough

Resolution No. 114 Summary: This Resolution appoints Cindy Lanzetta from the Town of Marlborough as an alternate to the Ulster County Planning Board for a term that begins presently and ends December 31, 2017 which coincides with the appointed incumbent board member (Howard Baker).

Discussion: **None**

Roll Call Vote: No

Voting In Favor: Legislators Allen, Archer, Bartels, Litts, and Maloney

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 5

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

Deputy Chair Maloney indicated he would be taking Resolution No. 117 out of order.

Motion No. 6 **Resolution No. 117 – March 17, 2015**

Text of Motion: **Resolved to approve Resolution No. 117** - Authorizing The Ulster County Executive To Apply For And Accept Section 5311 Federal And State Funding Under the Terms Of An Existing Continuing Agreement With The New York State Department Of Transportation For The Purchase of One Diesel Low Floor Medium Duty Bus For Fiscal Years 2015/2016 Department Of Public Transportation (Ulster County Area Transit)

Resolution No. 117 Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Ulster County Executive to execute an agreement and any amendments thereto, with the New York State Department of Transportation to apply for and accept funding of New York State and Federal funds for the purchase of one diesel low floor bus in the amount of \$250,000.00 for fiscal year 2015/2016, in the form as filed with the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature or as modified with the approval of the County Attorney and recognizes if funding for this project is eliminated, the project will be eliminated as well.

Discussion:

Ulster County Area Transit Director DiBella stated 5311 is a rural transportation assistance grant. He noted it was 90% funded by Federal and State funding.

Legislator Greene asked if the vehicles could run on a blend of bio-diesel. Director DiBella replied they would run on anything between B5 and B20. He discussed the winter gelling problem with B20 blends. Legislator Bartels asked if the Department would run the B20 blend in the summer months. Deputy County Executive Crannell noted the B5 blend is readily available and that B20 was not available in the quantity needed. He noted their intent to use the highest concentration of biodiesel blend available. He noted did their own bid off the State bids.

Legislator Bartels asked about the use of B20 in the neighboring counties. Deputy County Executive Crannell stated he did not know if they were using the B20 in buses and that the engines are only warranted to a specific biodiesel level. Director DiBella discussed the warranties on the buses. Deputy County Executive Crannell reiterated the goal to use the highest concentration of biodiesel available.

Legislator Rodriguez discussed the prior Legislative discussions on the topic. He commended the Executive, the staff, and Director DiBella and noted this was a long-standing goal of the County, which has been awaiting the bus replacement cycles. Deputy County Executive Crannell stated the County could see an opportunity in the Public Works highway vehicles.

Legislator Litts discussed the degrading of rubber seals and the newer synthetic seals.

Legislator Bartels asked if there could be an analysis run on the emissions on the fleet. Deputy County Executive Crannell stated this was done, that Department of Environment Director LaValle has this and he would be happy to share this with the Committee.

Legislator Greene discussed a biodiesel cooperative that is using 100% biodiesel. Deputy County Executive Crannell noted the Federal funding requires the County to not void the warrantees. He reiterated the goal to reduce emissions on the fleet. He noted an extra biodiesel tank at the Quarry.

Legislator Rodriguez noted if the New York State Department of Transportation is using B20 on heavy use vehicles on certain vehicles on the Thruway, then they were not concerned with voiding warrantees. Director DiBella stated New York State Department of Transportation was able to standardize the fleet and the County must use the lowest bidder.

Motion Made By: Legislator Bartels

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Archer

Roll Call Vote: No

Voting In Favor: Legislators Allen, Archer, Bartels, Litts, and Maloney

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 5

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 7 **Resolution No. 115 – March 17, 2015**

Motion Made By: Legislator Bartels for discussion

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Allen

Text of Motion: **Resolved to approve Resolution No. 115** - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Department Of Transportation To Fund The Ulster County Transportation Council With the Ulster County Planning Department As Host Agency – Department Of Planning

Resolution No. 115 Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature to execute a seven-year contract (Contract No. 2015-250) and any amendments thereto, for the period from April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2022 in the amount of \$4,734,469.00, with the New York State Department of Transportation to support the Ulster County Transportation Council efforts with the Planning Department acting as Host Agency,

in the form as filed with the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature or modified with the approval of the County Attorney. It also recognizes if the funding for this Program is eliminated the Ulster County Planning Department will no longer continue to act as Host Agency.

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: No

Voting In Favor: Legislators Allen, Archer, Bartels, Litts, and Maloney

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 5

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 7 **Resolution No. 116 – March 17, 2015**

Motion Made By: Legislator Archer

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Allen

Text of Motion: **Resolved to approve Resolution No. 116** - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute Contracts And Agreements With The New York State Department Of Economic Development To Allow The County Planning Board to Act As A Census Designated Affiliate – Department of Planning

Resolution No. 116 Summary: This Resolution the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature is authorized to execute contracts and agreements, and any amendments thereto, with the New York State Department of Labor to provide for the Ulster County Planning Department to act as a Census Designated Affiliate under the NYSDOL guidelines.

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: No

Voting In Favor: Legislators Allen, Archer, Bartels, Litts, and Maloney

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 5

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 8 **Resolution No. 131 – March 17, 2015**

Motion Made By: Legislator Archer

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Allen

Text of Motion: **Resolved to approve Resolution No. 131** - Appointing Member To Fill Vacancy On The Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee

Resolution No. 131 Summary: This Resolution appoints Hank Alicandri of Kerhonkson to the Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee completing a term to expire on December 31, 2015.

Discussion:

Legislator Archer noted this appointment was a real find for the Trails Advisory Committee as the gentlemen brings a lot of experience, knowledge and background.

Roll Call Vote: No
Voting In Favor: Legislators Allen, Archer, Bartels, Litts, and Maloney
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 5
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

New Business:

Legislator Rodriguez provided a draft Resolution re-authorizing the update of the countywide economic development strategy - Ulster Tomorrow. He noted the submission was for the Committee's consideration and not for action at tonight's meeting. He discussed his experience coordinating the Ulster Tomorrow process. He stated all participants agreed they care about the County and while there were many perspectives of how to get there, they agreed they could disagree. He noted the plan is still being used and was intended to be updated. He felt it was time to take steps to reconvene and bring people back together. He highlighted the plan supported businesses and was adopted by the County as the comprehensive plan. He indicated when the plan was finished, the Country experienced the greatest financial downturn in recent history.

Deputy Chairman Maloney felt a good step would be to get a copy of the Ulster Tomorrow document to all committee members. Legislator Rodriguez noted the Executive Summary was available on the County's website and that the larger document should be provided to the Committee members.

Deputy Chairman Maloney noted the document was a blueprint that identified the strategies to reach out for economic development. He noted companies were looking for where they could get the most for their dollar. He stated they were looking at all factors but in particular they were looking at how to reduce the cost of doing business. He highlighted the fact that Ulster County was up against communities that were giving buildings away to entice new business growth.

Legislator Rodriguez noted Ulster Tomorrow was a mindset where everyone was speaking the same language and everyone identified growth internally as the #1 priority.

Legislator Archer stated the Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning, and Transit Committee should be engaged in this economic development dialogue for establishing a county strategy. She stated one component of the dialogue would be doing things to help advance economic development, such as spending money in the right places and having all participants at the table.

Legislator Bartels asked if there were hard copies of the whole document. She requested a hard copy.

Old Business: None

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Archer
No. of Votes in Favor: 5
No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME: 8:56 PM

Dated the 23th day of March, 2015
Krista J. Barringer, Deputy Clerk

Minutes Approved As Amended on: April 7, 2015