

Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning & Transit Committee

Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: March 6, 2018 – 6:15 PM
LOCATION: K.L. Binder Library
PRESIDING OFFICER: Legislator James Maloney
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Mary Beichert, Senior Legislative Employee
PRESENT: Legislators Archer, Delune, Litts, Maio, Maloney, Rodriguez & Woltman
ABSENT: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Ken Crannell, Deputy County Executive, Donald Quesnell, Deputy Director of UCAT, Joseph Maloney, Legislator, Ilona Ross, Kingston Resident, Ward Todd, UC Chamber of Commerce, Steve Rice, UCTAC, Scott Fawaz, BRLTA, Joe Deleon UCIS

Legislator Maloney called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Motion No. 1: **Moved to Approve the Minutes of March 6, 2018 As Amended**

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

Discussion:

Legislator Archer requested a slight change regarding Evolve Media assisting businesses in Ellenville with broadband.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Delaune, Litts, Maio, Maloney, Rodriguez & Woltman
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Minutes Approved

Steve Rice

Annual update presentation of the Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee. Steve Rice gave thanks to the committee and the Legislature working together as a whole with the Trails Advisory Committee. He handed out an updated Trails Advisory Committee information packet. New Paltz and Kingston are two towns that will be trail hubs. Many other towns, such as Espous are interested and there is a lot potential for growth in the area.

Legislators Archer & Delaune stated they would like to thank Mr. Rice for all his time and effort on the committee.

Legislator Maloney stated he would like Mr. Rice to tell his committee how much all their work is appreciated.

Ken Crannel mentioned Empire State Trail and praised the efforts of everyone working together to continue this project.

Scott Fawaz, *Owner of Alpine Osteria Bed and Breakfast and President of Bellearye Region & Tourism*

Mr. Fawaz mentioned he is a member of Ulster County Coalition and together they all represent many lodge establishments. The issues with Air B&B's are people are buying properties creating an Air B&B and taking away business from local bed and breakfasts or other establishments such as the Emerson. Mr. Fawaz would like everyone to understand how destructive the Air B&B's are to the local businesses. Scott would like some form of legislation to regulate the Air B&B's for a variety of issues including noise pollution.

Discussion ensued. Handouts were emailed to the Economic Development Committee regarding the issues with Air B&B's.

Many local business are being foreclosed on due to the Air B&B's. Many film industries are creating Air B&B's and it is taking away business from the locals.

Scott believes the goal of Air B&B is to evaporate businesses such as his or places like the Emerson.

Legislator Maloney asked if the Emerson or Mr. Fawaz report their occupant numbers to Smith Travel to compare the change in numbers. Mr. Fawaz stated they do not report their numbers and is unsure about the Emerson.

Mr. Fawaz thanked everyone for their time.

Resolutions for the March 20, 2018 Session of the Legislature

Resolution No. 63: Re-Establishing The Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee – Ulster County Legislature

Resolution Summary: This resolution re-establishes Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee.

Motion No. 2: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 63**

Motion By: Legislator Rodriguez

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Archer

Discussion:

None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Delaune, Litts, Maio, Maloney, Rodriguez & Woltman

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 7

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 77: Restricting Chamber Of Commerce Memberships Paid For With Ulster County Funds

Resolution Summary: This resolution prohibits memberships to any chamber of commerce organizations paid with Ulster County funds except for Department of Tourism and the Office of Economic Development.

Motion No. 3: **Resolution No. 77 moved for discussion**

Motion By: Legislator Rodriguez

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Woltman

Discussion:

Legislator Rodriguez suggested Legislator Joe Maloney explain the resolution. Legislator Joe Maloney stated \$8- \$10K has been spent over the past five years on Chamber fees. Legislator Joe Maloney included the Department of Economic Development and Department of Tourism in his resolution but does feel that tax payers should not pay for the Chamber Memberships and other business network organizations. Legislator Joe Maloney stated if the Sheriff, Comptroller and other Department heads see the value in being a member of the Chamber of Commerce those departments should pay that membership fee not the tax payer. Discussion ensued.

Legislator Jim Maloney researched Chamber numbers for the last 12 months. The Economic Development Department paid \$360, the Comptroller paid \$375, Sheriff \$385 and Legislature paid \$600. With this resolution the Sheriff, Comptroller and Legislature would be prohibited to pay for the Chamber membership with County funds. Discussion ensued.

Legislator Jim Maloney mentioned New Paltz Chamber paid \$595, Southern Ulster County Tourism Department and Comptroller, Rondout Valley Business Association, the Office of Education & Training pays \$50, Department of Tourism pays \$50 and Comptroller \$50.00.

Ken Crannel stated the EDA membership to the Chamber also involves meeting participation. The Comptroller's Office does not budget for membership. The credit card payment of \$50.00 was payment for a meeting and membership. The Sheriff's membership is new to the Chamber.

Ward Todd thanked everyone for the opportunity to speak. The organization started approximately 150 years ago and the organization has grown significantly and it is the only county wide Chamber. The Chamber membership is mostly comprised of small business memberships. There are 1000 memberships and more than 100 are non-profit sector. The Chamber is glad to have the public and private partnership as members and is happy to share the support of these organizations. The Chamber has assisted in funding the charging stations in addition to supporting the County Tourism by placing a \$900 ad in the guide.

Mr. Todd stated some of the departments that have been singled out want to have a direct connection with the local community.

The Sheriff joined the Chamber looking to promote police awareness and continue cooperation with

the general community.

Ken Crannel also stated the Chamber has been a great partner to the County. The Chambers contribution to the County far exceeds any number that is seen on paper.

Legislator Joe Maloney asked Ward Todd if he had a preference if departments such as the Sheriff paid out of pocket versus using tax payer money. Currently, the County Clerk pays for their membership to the Chamber out of the department's budget.

Motion No. 4: Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 77
Motion By: Legislator Rodriguez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Woltman

Discussion:

Legislator Archer expressed her perspective on the relationship between the County and the Chamber and feels it is a good give and take. Discussion ensued.

Voting In Favor: None
Voting Against: Legislators Archer, Delaune, Litts, Maio, Maloney, Rodriguez & Woltman
Votes in Favor: 0
Votes Against: 7
Disposition: Resolution Defeated

Resolution No. 88: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Tyler Technologies Inc. – Department Of Information Services

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract with Tyler Technologies Inc. in the amount of \$108,000.00 to extend the terms of the agreement for maintenance and support of the County's Financial Software.

Motion No. 5: Resolution No. 88 moved for discussion
Motion By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Discussion:

Legislator Rodriguez asked Mr. Deleon on Schedule B, #2b, regarding the vendor invoicing the County for server migration services and what that fee includes. Mr. Deleon stated there is a cost to move the data. Legislator Rodriguez again asked if in fact the County was migrating to a new server and if so what was the server.

Motion No. 6: Motion to Postpone 1 week Resolution No. 88
Motion By: Legislator Rodriguez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Discussion:

Legislator Maloney stated Tyler Technologies Inc. is re-writing the real property tax software for

New York State with a whole new platform that will be coming out in 6 months. Discussion ensued.

Votes in Favor: Legislators Archer, Delaune, Litts, Maio, Maloney, Rodriguez & Woltman
Votes Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution Postponed

Resolution No. 89: Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Conduent Enterprise Solutions LLC – Department Of Information Services

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract Conduent Enterprise Solutions LLC in the amount of \$69,000.00 for ACS 20/20 software maintenance and support.

Motion No. 7: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 89**
Motion By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio/Archer

Discussion:

Mr. Deleon stated this contract is an extension of a contract for the County Clerk’s office for the rest of the year. Legislator Rodriguez stated this contract supports the County Clerk’s work and the vendor receives 15% revenue. Legislator Rodriguez asked if the vendor has always received 15% revenue.

Legislator Archer asked if this was a renewal of an existing contract and if the contract was being renewed because it was Conduents system that was being maintained.

Legislator Rodriguez asked the Chairman if this resolution could be postponed until next week.

Motion No. 8: **Motion to Postpone 1 week Resolution No. 89**
Motion By: Legislator Rodriguez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Discussion:

None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Delaune, Litts, Maio, Maloney, Rodriguez & Woltman
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution Postponed

Resolution No. 90: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment Causing The Aggregate Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – VC3, Inc. – Department Of Information Services

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract with VC3, Inc. in the amount of \$43,104.00 for extending the terms of the agreement and increase funding for hosting services for the County’s Financial Management System.

Motion No. 9: **Resolution No. 90 moved for discussion**
Motion By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Archer

Discussion:

Joe Deleon stated this contract is for VC3 which is the wireless web hosting service for the New World Financial system. Legislator Rodriguez asked how this service is different from Resolution 89. Mr. Deleon stated Resolution 89 is for the software and Resolution 90 involves the location of The software. Legislator Rodriguez would like an assessment on all New World contracts that maintain the entirety of the system.

Legislator Archer stated the contract is being extended again and wanted clarification on \$43K. Joe Deleon stated the \$43K is for the remainder of the year and the department is currently receiving quotes.

Legislator Archer confirmed the \$385K is an aggregate amount.

Joe Deleon stated with the financial system there is software support, hardware support and hosting support. This contract was done in 2014 and at the time the decision was to host the New World system offsite due to the status of the Information System building.

Discussion ensued.

Legislator Woltman mentioned this contract has been amended several times and presumes that when this project went out for an RFP it was probably unlikely all these amendments were considered.

Legislator Joe Maloney asked Mr. Deleon the specific budget line the money comes out of and Mr. DeLeon stated it varies depending on if it is software, hardware or professional services.

Motion No. 10: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 90**
Motion By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Archer

Discussion:

None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Delaune, Litts, Maio, Maloney, Rodriguez & Woltman

Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution Adopted

Motion No. 10 to Bundle Resolutions No. 104-107

Motion By: Legislator Rodriguez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts/Archer

Discussion:

Legislator Rodriguez stated with unanimous consent.

To vote on the block.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Delaune, Litts, Maio, Maloney, Rodriguez & Woltman
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Resolution No. 104: Reappointing Member And Alternate To The Ulster County Planning Board – Town Of Marlborough

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the re-appointment of Cindy Lanzetta Howard Baker for the Town of Marlborough.

Resolution No. 105: Reappointing Member To The Ulster County Planning Board – Town Of Shandaken

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the re-appointment of Sam Spata to the Town of Shandaken.

Resolution No. 106: Reappointing Member and Appointing Alternate To The Ulster County Planning Board – Town Of Saugerties

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the reappointment of Robert Hlavaty and Al Bruno for the Town of Saugerties.

Resolution No. 107: Reappointing Member and Appointing Alternate To The Ulster County Planning Board – Town Of Shawangunk

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the reappointment of Mark Watkins and appointment of Richard Barnhart to the town Shawangunk.

Motion By: Legislator Rodriguez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Archer/Litts

Discussion:

None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Delaune, Litts, Maio, Maloney, Rodriguez & Woltman
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 108: Supporting A Grant Application To The Federal Transit Administration To Apply, Accept and Administer 5339(B) and 5307 Funding For Bus Replacements And Authorizing The Ulster County Executive To Execute Any Required Applications Or Agreements To Accept Funding-Department of Public Transportation (UCAT)

Resolution Summary: This resolution supports a FTA grant application for UCAT to purchase two 26-foot low floor buses to replace two buses currently in the fleet.

Motion No. 11: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 108**
Motion By: Legislator Maio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts

Discussion:

Don Quesnell stated this is UCATS annual grant.

Ken Crannel stated that County Executive discussed with the Mayor of the expansion of the bus service. Ken would like some feedback from the committee on how to move forward and what exactly the committee is looking for. There have been talks with the city about public outreach. Looking at data there are routes in the City of Kingston that do not have riders.

Legislator Maloney stated several months ago the committee had received an update and it might be a good idea to reach out to people throughout the County.

Ken Crannel suggested a possible special committee meeting and invite the public.

Legislator Archer confirmed with Ken Crannel the system would function throughout the County as one system.

Legislator Woltman would like some research done with the Housing Authority properties particularly Rondout Gardens.

Discussion ensued

Legislator Rodriguez suggested using nontraditional sources to research the new bus system.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Delaune, Litts, Maio, Maloney, Rodriguez & Woltman
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution Adopted

Old Business:

Legislator Archer mentioned the Luminary proposal had improved. Legislator Archer and others have been discussing with Suzanne Holt & Ken Crannel about performance measures and within the current proposal there were monthly numbers that she hopes the Economic Development Committee will be updated on as the marketing plans roll out.

Legislator Maloney mentioned he and Hector are members and can update Legislator Archer when they receive the monthly information. Suzanne Holt presents every three months to the Economic Development Committee.

There being no further business, Legislator Litts motioned to adjourn, seconded by Legislator Maio.

Time: 7:15 PM

Respectfully submitted: Mary Beichert, Senior Legislative Employee

Minutes Approved: April 3, 2018