

# Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning & Transit Committee

## Committee Meeting Minutes

**DATE & TIME:** February 7, 2017 – 5:45 PM OR Immediately Following Ways and Means  
**LOCATION:** Chairman Office  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Legislator Hector Rodriguez  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Mary Beichert, Senior Legislative Employee  
**PRESENT:** Legislators Berky, Delaune, Lapp, Litts, & Rodriguez  
**ABSENT:** Chairman Maloney & Mary Beth Maio  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Deputy County Executive Ken Crannell, Ulster County Tourism Rick Remsnyder, Director of Information Services Sylvia Wohlfahrt, Director of Planning Dennis Doyle, Legislator Peter Loughran, Legislator Chris Allen, Legislative Counsel Kyle Barnett and Legislator Carl Belfiglio

Legislator Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 5:58 PM.

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Legislator Rodriguez thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

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**Motion No. 1:** Moved to Approve the Minutes of December 7, 2016 and December 20, 2016

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Lapp  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Berky

**Discussion:**

None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Berky, Delaune, Lapp, Litts, & Rodriguez  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Minutes Approved

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Resolutions for the February 15, 2017 Session of the Legislature

**Resolution No. 18:** Designating The Ulster County Department Of Tourism As The Official Tourism Promotion Agency Of Ulster County – Department Of Tourism

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution states the Ulster County Legislature hereby designates the Ulster County Department of Tourism as the official tourism promotion agency for Ulster County thereby making it eligible to apply for and accept matching tourism promotion funds on behalf of Ulster County and to represent Ulster County for the promotion of Tourism.

**Resolution No. 19:** Pledging Matching Funds For The “I Love New York” Tourism Promotion – Department Of Tourism

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution states Ulster County hereby pledges to match funds received from the “I Love New York” Matching Funds Local Assistance Program during New York State fiscal year 2017-2018 in an amount no more than \$135,250.00 and no less than \$30,000.00 and that the County hereby reserves the right to accept or not accept funds from the Program.

**Motion No. 2:**                   **Resolution No. 18 and 19 motion to block**  
**Motion By:**                   Legislator Litts  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Lapp

**Motion No. 3:**                   **Resolution No. 18 and 19 moved for discussion**  
**Motion By:**                   Legislator Lapp  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Berky

**Discussion:**

Legislator Rodriguez stated this resolution is done every year and is a requirement of the state. Legislator Rodriguez also mentioned that a max amount is placed and he believes it is a 50% match.

Rick Remsnyder stated that the Ulster County Travel Guide received an award for the seventh straight year in a row. He also stated they are moving forward with Cubic and Luminary.

Legislator Rodriguez asked Rick if he felt that everyone was harmonizing with Cubic and Luminary. Mr. Remsnyder stated yes.

**Voting In Favor:**           Legislators Berky, Delaune, Lapp, Litts, & Rodriguez  
**Voting Against:**           None  
**Votes in Favor:**           5  
**Votes Against:**           0  
**Disposition:**           Resolution Adopted

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**Resolution No. 20:** Confirming Appointment Of Carolyn Hargrove As The Director Of The Department Of Transportation For The County Of Ulster

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution appoints Carolyn Hargrove as the director of The Department of Transportation for the County of Ulster.

**Motion No. 4:**                   **Resolution No. 20 moved for discussion**  
**Motion By:**                   Legislator Berky  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Lapp

**Discussion:**

Legislator Berky asked for Carolyn’s resume. Legislator Rodriguez stated Ms. Hargrove started in the transportation department and worked in operations. Legislator Rodriguez mentioned to the County Executive that the Economic Development will move forward but would like her resume. Legislator Rodriguez supports the appointment 100%. Carolyn Hargrove worked in operations and kept track of the physical location of the buses.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Berky, Delaune, Lapp, Litts & Rodriguez  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Resolution Adopted

**Resolution No. 48:** Authorizing The Chair Of The Legislature To Call A Public Hearing As Required Under Article 25AA Of Agricultural Markets Law Regarding The 8-Year Review Of Agricultural District No. 3 And Providing Direct Notice To Affected Municipalities

**Resolution Summary:** The resolution authorizes the Chairman of the Legislature to call a public hearing regarding the eight year review of the Agricultural District No. 3 and providing direct notice of affected municipalities.

**Motion No. 9:** **Resolution No. 48 moved for discussion**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Litts  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Delaune

**Discussion:**

Legislator Rodriguez requested a review of Legislator Litts status on the on the Agricultural & Farmland Protection Board.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Berky, Delaune, Lapp, Litts & Rodriguez  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Resolution Postponed

**Resolution No. 34:** Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Buckhurst Fish & Jacquemart Inc – Department Of Planning

**Resolution Summary:** The resolution approves the execution of a contract with Buckhurst Fish & Jacquemart Inc. in the amount of \$94,895.00 for the development of a corridor management plan for portion of the 9W corridor from the Hamlet of Marlboro to Blue Point Road.

**Motion No. 5:** **Resolution No. 34 moved for discussion**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Berky  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Lapp

**Discussion:**

Dennis Doyle stated this contract would do a quarter survey on RT 9W corridor from the Hamlet of Marlboro to Blue Point Road. This was part of a RFP process. The contract is a fairly significant one and they will do individual property access management for the entire corridor. In addition work is being done with the town consultant for a comprehensive plan.

Legislator Berky inquired how Marlborough transportation plan differs. Dennis stated that the Marlborough Hamlet study reviewed a few different bad intersections and the various alternatives that were available to fix them. There were two acceptable proposals but the issue was finding federal money.

The state DOT likes some of the current proposals. There might be an opportunity to a road diet. There will be access points established for individual properties as part of the zoning stature. There is an advisory committee in the Town of Lloyd and there has been a request to recommend members from the Town of Marlborough. The project time frame is 18 months and they would like to start in March.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Berky, Delaune, Lapp, Litts & Rodriguez  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Resolution Adopted

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**Resolution No. 52:** Authorizing The Acquisition Of Right-Of-Way Interests Over Certain Real Property For The Hudson Valley Rail Trail West: Phase 4 (PIN 8761.21) In The Town of Lloyd and Amending Capital Project No. 451 for Right-of-Way Acquisition – Department Of Planning

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution authorizes the acquisition of the right-of-way interests over certain real property for the Hudson Valley Rail Trail West: Phase 4.

**Motion No. 11:** Resolution No. 52 moved for discussion  
**Motion By:** Legislator Delaune  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Litts

**Discussion:**

Chris White stated they are looking to increase the amount for the acquisition for the right of way of the Hudson Valley Rail Trail. The trail extension from New Paltz Road to South Street. There has been approval for design from NYS DOT. The acquired properties have been appraised. The right of way is going well. There have been adjustments for some property owners so they are trying to backfill costs. Chris White felt some of the things they were doing were cutting costs. Hoping to start construction in October and come back in the summer with actual bids.

Legislator Rodriguez asked what is the expected date and Chris stated April/May.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Berky, Delaune, Lapp, Litts & Rodriguez  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5

**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Resolution Adopted

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**Resolution No. 42:** Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Newcastle Communications – Department Of Information Services

**Resolution Summary:** The resolution approves the execution of a contract with Newcastle Communications for hardware and software maintenance and support for the Voice-Over Internet Protocol system.

**Motion No. 6:** Resolution No. 42 moved for discussion  
**Motion By:** Legislator Litts  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Lapp

**Discussion:**

Sylvia Wohlfhart stated the questions that were asked in Ways and Means about this contract involved maintenance, licensing and software support. Sylvia went on to explain the differences between the licenses. The first 1280 SAL are station access lights licensing which represents any and all phones. The second are the TRUNKS which connects the servers to the external phone lines. The STL are station licensing and they are phone lines that do not have a physical phone attached. Lastly SRL's are licensing that are used for smart phones.

Legislator Rodriguez asked if Ways and Means moved the resolution and Sylvia answered yes.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Berky, Delaune, Lapp, Litts & Rodriguez  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Resolution Adopted

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**Resolution No. 43:** Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Continuum Systems – Department Of Information Services

**Resolution Summary:** The resolution approves the execution of a contract with Continuum Systems to extend the term of the agreement for maintenance and support of the County's electronic records management and retention software.

**Motion No. 7:** Resolution No. 43 moved for discussion  
**Motion By:** Legislator Lapp  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Litts

**Discussion:**

Sylvia Wohlfhart stated this is a method of storing electronic documents through images. Documents are organized by indices. Material can also be reviewed by looking up contract number.

Legislator Rodriguez asked if Finance Department were the ones who mainly use this program. Sylvia stated it is spreading around the county. DPW uses it for building plans and maps, self-insurances use it for workers comp.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Berky, Delaune, Lapp, Litts & Rodriguez  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Resolution Adopted

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**Resolution No. 47:** Authorizing The Chairman Of The Legislature To Call Public Hearings To Satisfy The Public Participation Requirement For The Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) – Department Of Planning

**Resolution Summary:** The resolution authorizes the Chairman of the Legislature to call public hearings to satisfy the public participation requirement for the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG).

**Motion No. 8:** **Resolution No. 47 moved for discussion**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Lapp  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Litts

**Discussion:**

Dennis Doyle stated this resolution performs the public participation requirement for the community development block grant funds. The public participation requirement has to be done for any applications that are submitted. Typically the state announces housing grants and housing rehabilitation grants and details are not known until announced. The other part of this resolution allows for a public hearing to be called for the existing funding that is out there. It is required that a grant recipient hold a second public hearing during the course of the implementation.

Legislator Rodriguez stated he spoke to the County Executive about this and will not vote on anything until a committee is established.

Legislator Berky recused herself on the vote because Jennifer worked on a contract last year and expects to continue with RUPCO. Legislator Rodriguez stated the resolution fails.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Berky, Delaune, Lapp, Litts & Rodriguez  
**Voting Against:** Rodriguez & Delaune  
**Abstained:** Berky  
**Votes in Favor:** 2  
**Votes Against:** 2 (Rodriguez, Delaune)  
**Disposition:** Resolution Failed

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**Resolution No. 49:** Supporting State Funding For The Implementation Of The Belleayre Mountain Ski Center Unit Management Plan Full Build Out Alternative

**Resolution Summary:** The resolution supports state funding for the Belleayre Mountain Ski Center.

**Motion No. 11:**                    **Resolution No. 49 moved for discussion**

**Motion By:**                    Legislator Delaune

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Litts

**Discussion:**

Legislator Loughran stated he supports the project and that \$20 million dollars that was ear marked for High Mtn. is now being sent to White Face Mtn. The money was promised to go to High Mtn but was arbitrarily moved and Peter is trying to figure out how that happened and would like to get it back.

**Voting In Favor:**                Legislators Berky, Delaune, Lapp, Litts & Rodriguez

**Voting Against:**                None

**Votes in Favor:**                5

**Votes Against:**                0

**Disposition:**                 Resolution Adopted

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**Resolution No. 50:** 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 Summary:** This resolution authorizes the Chairman of the Legislature to execute an agreement with the New York State Department of Transportation to accept reimbursement for the operation of LINK service.

**Resolution No. 51:** Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Extend an Inter-Municipal Agreement with The Town Of New Paltz to Provide Public Transit Service to the New Paltz Area (New Paltz LOOP)–Department Of Public Transportation (Ulster County Area Transit)

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution authorizes the Chairman of the Legislature to execute a two-year contract extension with the Town of New Paltz to continue the New Paltz LOOP for December 1, 2016 through November 30, 2018.

**Motion No. 12:**                    **Motion to Block Resolution 50 & 51**

**Motion By:**                    Legislator Litts

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Lapp

**Discussion:**

Legislator Rodriguez stated he is proud at how successful the LINK and the LOOP have become. Mr. Crannel stated with regards to the LOOP there was confusion with the Town Supervisor and the contract amount. The ridership is up significantly which has offset the cost of the contract. This particular contract includes the Saturdays that were added last year and state funded.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Berky, Delaune, Lapp, Litts & Rodriguez  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Resolution Adopted

**New Business:**

Hector Rodriguez stated he would be bringing forwarded a policy that he wrote in 2007 regarding parcels that the county takes in.

**Old Business:**

- Discussion of Resolution No. 170 of 2016 - Re-Authorizing the Update of the County-Wide Economic Development Strategy Ulster Tomorrow; Trying to schedule a meeting
- Discussion of Resolution No. 326 of 2016 - Establishing A Policy For Ulster County Bus Advertising

**Motion No. 12:** Motion to Postpone Resolution Nos. 170 & 326 for 1 month  
**Motion By:** Legislator Rodriguez  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Berky

**Discussion:**

None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Berky, Delaune, Lapp, Litts & Rodriguez  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Resolutions Postponed

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

**Time:** 6:34 PM

**Respectfully submitted: Mary Beichert, Senior Legislative Employee**  
**Minutes Approved: March 8, 2017**