

**Ways & Means Committee  
Regular Meeting Minutes**

**DATE & TIME:** August 18, 2015 – 4:30 PM  
**LOCATION:** Karen L. Binder Library, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, COB  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Richard Gerentine, Chairman  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Donald J. Quesnell  
**PRESENT:** Legislators Gerentine, Gregorius, Allen, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio, Maloney  
**ABSENT:** Legislator R. Parete  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes  
**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Legislators Bartels, Roberts, Wishnick, Legislative Counsel Ragucci, Guerin, County Attorneys Bea Havranek, Jonathan Engel, Deputy County Executive Ken Crannell, County Comptroller Elliott Auerbach, Joe Eriolle, Suzanne Holt, Jane M. Eck, Steve Bradley, Julius A Collins, Theresa Sheeley, Joseph Stoeckler, Steven Kelley, Julie Lonstein, Richard Travers, Chris Robins, Mary Sheeley, Patricia Doxsey

- **Chairman Gerentine called the meeting to order at 4:35PM**
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**New Business**

- Legislator Gerentine opened the meeting and gave the floor to Julie Lonstein the Chairman of the Ellenville Million Committee. Julie Lonstein introduced herself and the committee. She gave an explanation as to the process of the committee and how they went through proposals. A discussion ensued regarding certain aspects of the process.
  - Legislator Belfiglio inquired if procurement process would still be under the county for the services required. A discussion ensued regarding this question. It was explained the UCEDA does not have the same requirements as the County, but all projects would have to have a plan submitted and approved before the funds are released. Ken Crannell wanted to make sure it was clear that a million dollar check is not being sent and there is an approval process.
  - Legislator Gerentine inquired about the delay with the Casino funds and if we are on a time schedule to receive funds for next year. Ken Crannell explained in 2016 there will be approximately a million dollars allocated. A discussion ensued on this topic regarding how many years we will be receiving these funds.
  - Legislator Maio asked if the line items would be reviewed. Legislator Gerentine called on Suzanne Holt and Julie Lonstein to explain the 9 areas of where the money will be spent. Suzanne Holt and Julie Lonstein explained the 9 areas where money would be spent according to the contract. A discussion ensued on all the topics; during this discussion various members of the Ellenville Million Committee spoke on behalf of the projects.
  - Legislator Roberts said he wanted to thank the Ellenville Committee for their hard work but, wanted to make aware to everyone that there are other distressed towns in Ulster County. He specifically sited Plattekill. He listed certain examples and factors that have led to the current economic conditions in Plattekill. He just asked that everyone keep them in mind when handing out money in the future. A discussion ensued regarding the points brought forward by Legislator Roberts. Legislator Gerentine said it would be addressed again in the Ways & Means Committee.
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**Motion No. 1: Resolution No. 314 – August 18, 2015**

**Text of Motion:** Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 314 – August 18, 2015 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract Between The County Of Ulster And The Ulster County Economic Development Alliance To Implement The Recommendations Of The Ellenville Million Committee – Amending The 2015 Ulster County Budget – Department Of Planning

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Briggs  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Maloney

**Motion to Amend:** A Motion was made by Legislator Gerentine to amend the resolution to have quarterly reports be given to the Legislature.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Briggs  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Maloney

**Discussion:** None.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Gregorius, Allen, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio, Maloney  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Amendment Carried

**Discussion:** None.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Gregorius, Allen, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio, Maloney  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Resolution Carried as Amended.

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There being no further business before the Committee, a motion was made by Legislator Briggs, seconded by Legislator Gregorius and carried to adjourn the meeting at 5:35pm.

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**Dated the 21<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2015**  
**Donald J. Quesnell, Fiscal Analyst**  
**Minutes Approved On: September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015**