

**Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts & Agriculture Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: March 4, 2025 – 6:00 PM
LOCATION(S): KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston, NY
Livestreamed at <https://www.youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature/streams>
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Sperry
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk & Tyron Rogers, Technical Support Specialist
MEMBERS PRESENT: Legislators Clinton, Corcoran, Hewitt, Litts Stewart & Walls
MEMBERS ABSENT: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislators Collins & Nolan; Director Dennis Doyle – UC Planning Department; Director Sharon Williams – Office of Employment & Training; Michael Schreiber – SUNY Ulster County Community College; Deputy County Executive Amanda LaValle; Executive Director Hillary Nichols – Ulster County Industrial Development Agency; Executive Director Jake Wedemeyer – Ulster County Soil & Water Conservation District; Andrew Ruiz, 4-H Coordinator – Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County; Romero Duffy – City of Kingston resident

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Chair Sperry called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM and asked Legislator Litts to lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Sperry recognized Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Executive Director Hillary Nichols to give a presentation on the work of the Agency (appended to these minutes.)

Motion No. 1: **Motion to Approve the minutes of the February 4th Regular Meeting**
Motion Made By: Legislator Hewitt
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Clinton
Voting in Favor: Legislators Clinton, Corcoran, Hewitt, Litts, Sperry, Stewart & Walls
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Minutes Approved**

Resolutions for the March 18, 2025 Legislative Session:

Resolution No. 86 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$360,150.00 Entered Into By The County – United Way Of Ulster County Inc. – Office Of Employment And Training

Resolution Summary – This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with United Way of Ulster County in the amount of \$360,150 to extend the term of agreement for payroll services for the Summer Youth Employment Program from 10/31/24 – 6/30/26.

Motion No. 2:	Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 86
Motion Made By:	Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By:	Legislator Hewitt

Voting in Favor:	Legislators Clinton, Corcoran, Hewitt, Litts, Sperry, Stewart & Walls
Voting Against:	None
Votes in Favor:	7
Votes Against:	0
Disposition:	Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 87 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$125,000.00 Entered Into By The County – United Way Of Ulster County Inc. – Office Of Employment And Training

Resolution Summary – This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with United Way of Ulster County in the amount of \$125,000 to extend the term of agreement for payroll services for the Year Round Youth Employment Program from 6/1/25 – 6/30/26.

Motion No. 3:	Motion to Discuss Resolution No. 87
Motion Made By:	Legislator Hewitt
Motion Seconded By:	Legislator Walls

Motion No. 3:	Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 87
Motion Made By:	Legislator Stewart
Motion Seconded By:	Legislator Clinton

Voting in Favor:	Legislators Clinton, Corcoran, Hewitt, Litts, Sperry, Stewart & Walls
Voting Against:	None
Votes in Favor:	7
Votes Against:	0
Disposition:	Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 88 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$650,000.00 Entered Into By The County – United Way Of Ulster County Inc. – Office Of Employment And Training

Resolution Summary – This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with United Way of Ulster County in the amount of \$650,000 to extend the term of agreement for payroll services for the Academic Year Youth Employment Program from 6/1/25 – 6/30/26.

Motion No. 4:	Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 88
Motion Made By:	Legislator Hewitt
Motion Seconded By:	Legislator Clinton

Voting in Favor:	Legislators Clinton, Corcoran, Hewitt, Litts, Sperry, Stewart & Walls
Voting Against:	None
Votes in Favor:	7
Votes Against:	0
Disposition:	Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 89 – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into A Lease Extension Agreement With iPark 87 Commercial LLC. For The Ulster County Office Of Employment & Training - Department Of Public Works (Buildings And Grounds)

Resolution Summary – This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to enter into a Lease Agreement, and any amendments thereto, with iPark87 LLC with principal offices located at 485 West Putnam Avenue, Greenwich Connecticut 06830 for office space located at 300 Enterprise Drive, Main Building, Kingston, to be used to house the County Office of Employment & Training (OET) and New York State Department of Labor (DOL).

Motion No. 5: **Motion to Amend Resolution No. 89 to strike the word “extension” from the title**
Motion Made By: Legislator Hewitt
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walls

Voting in Favor: Legislators Clinton, Corcoran, Hewitt, Litts, Sperry, Stewart & Walls
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Amendment Adopted**

Motion No. 5: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 89 As Amended**
Motion Made By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hewitt

Voting in Favor: Legislators Clinton, Corcoran, Hewitt, Litts, Sperry, Stewart & Walls
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted As Amended**

Resolution No. 90 – Setting A Public Hearing As Required Under Article 25AA Of Agricultural Markets Law, On the Eight Year Review Of Agricultural District No. 3 And Providing Direct Notice To Affected Municipalities, To Be Held On April 15, 2025 At 7:05 PM, Or As Soon Thereafter As A Public Can Be Heard – Department Of Planning

Resolution Summary – This Resolution sets a public hearing as required under Article 25AA of Agricultural Markets Law, on the eight year review of Agricultural District No. 3 and providing direct notice to affected municipalities, to be held on April 15, 2025 at 7:05 PM

Motion No. 6: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 90**
Motion Made By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hewitt

Voting in Favor: Legislators Clinton, Corcoran, Hewitt, Litts, Sperry, Stewart & Walls
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 91 – Authorizing A Right To Cross The Right Of Way Owned By Ulster County Of The Ulster And Delaware Railroad Corridor Near Mile Point 3.8 City Of Kingston, West Of Westbrook Lane, Kingston Plaza To TESLA Inc. – Department Of Planning

Resolution Summary – This Resolution grants TESLA right to cross the Ulster and Delaware Corridor in accordance with construction documents and authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute any and all documents related to such right to cross.

Motion No. 7: **Motion to Discuss Resolution No. 91**
Motion Made By: Legislator Hewitt
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Stewart

After lengthy discussion Chair Sperry called the question on the Resolution.

Voting in Favor: Legislators Corcoran, Litts, Sperry & Walls
Voting Against: Legislators Clinton, Hewitt & Stewart
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 3
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 92 – Appropriating Funding To Support And Strengthen The Local Food System And Foster Sustainability

Resolution Summary – This Resolution appropriates \$350,000.00 in funding for the sole purpose of enhancement and sustainability of the Ulster County Emergency Feeding Network for funds to be distributed to organizations providing food to individuals and families facing food insecurity.

Motion No. 8: **Motion to Amend Resolution No. 92 to replace all references to Department of Economic Development with the Department of Planning, and to amend the Appropriation and Revenue accounts references accordingly**
Motion Made By: Legislator Clinton
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Stewart

Voting in Favor: Legislators Clinton, Corcoran, Litts, Sperry, Stewart & Walls
Voting Against: None
Abstention: Legislator Hewitt
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Amendment Adopted**

Motion No. 8: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 92 As Amended**
Motion Made By: Legislator Hewitt
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Clinton

Voting in Favor: Legislators Clinton, Corcoran, Litts, Sperry, Stewart & Walls
Voting Against: None
Abstention: Legislator Hewitt
Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against:	0
Disposition:	Resolution Adopted As Amended

New Business

Chair Sperry recognized Andrew Ruiz, 4-H Coordinator for Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County to discuss Agricultural Literacy Week March 17 – 21 and encouraged Legislators participation.

Chair Sperry advised the members that the 2024 Annual Report submitted by the County Exec. for Departments under the committee's purview was available in the committee's OneDrive. She reminded them that the full Report was emailed to all Legislators previously.

Old Business	None
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Adjournment

Motion Made By:	Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By:	Legislator Hewitt
Votes in Favor:	7
Votes Against:	0

TIME:	7:16 PM
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Respectfully Submitted:	Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk
Adopted:	April 1, 2025

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UCIDA Update to The Ulster County Legislature

**Economic Development,
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Committee**

MARCH 4TH 2025

Mission

The mission of the Ulster County Industrial Development Agency is to advance the job opportunities, general prosperity and long-term economic vitality of Ulster County residents by targeting tax incentives bonding and other assistance to foster creation and attraction of new business and the retention and expansion of existing business

What Incentives can the UCIDA/UCCRC Provide?

Abate 3 types of Taxes

Sales and Use Tax on Construction

Mortgage Recording Tax

Future Real Property Taxes in the form of PILOT agreements

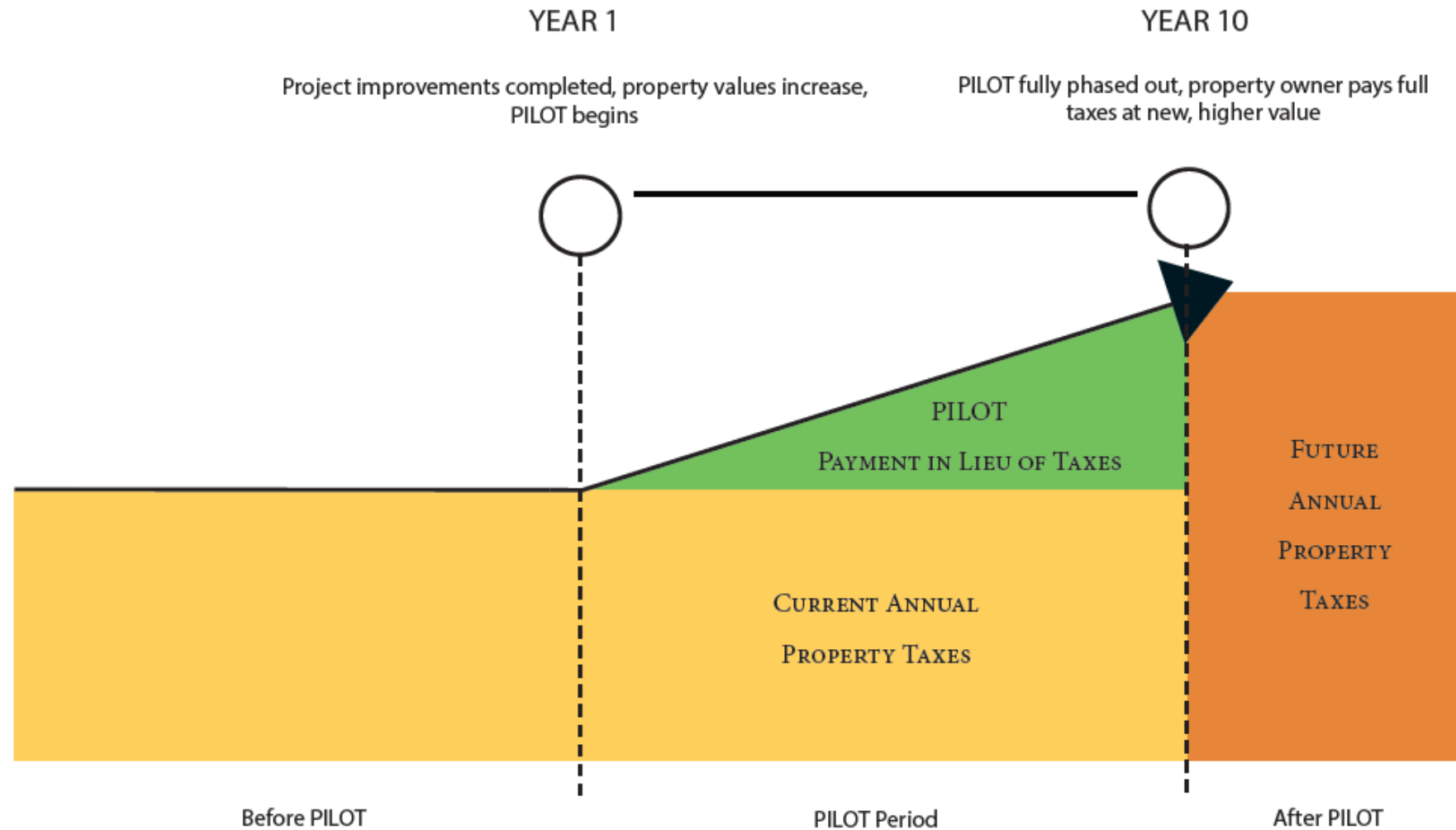
Issue tax-exempt and taxable bonds (CRC)

What can't the IDA do

We cannot give grants or loan money

We cannot abate special district or land taxes

How a 10 year PILOT works



How are we implementing our Mission in 2025

Q4 2024	Q1 2025	Q1 2025 (PART 2)	Q2 2025
IDA board passed a new Housing Policy with an updated Housing Matrix.	Board Approved Incentives for the New Paltz Way Hotel 2/19	March 4 th , the IDA held a “For Communities Event” to inform municipalities on IDA incentives.	“Creating our Future” IDA Community Economic Development evening, May 2025, details to follow
The Board formed a Sustainable Jobs taskforce to and held a focus group 10/20	Public Hearing is Scheduled for Woodland Pond for the issuance of tax-exempt bonds 3/17	Annual Report, PARIS Report and Certified Financial Report to be presented to the board 3/19	
New Logo and Branding Materials	February 5 th the IDA held an event “Land here Grow Here” to walk business through the IDA application Process		

Possibilities Ahead

Assisting the County and Towns with Economic Development Plans, **examples** can include:

Partnering on ESD opportunities, i.e. Fast NY

Using IDA incentives to support priority sites for development

Using the new housing policy to bring more housing and affordable options to Ulster County

Expanding services to smaller businesses and non-profits through the CRC.

