## **Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts and Agriculture Committee**

**DATE & TIME:** November 1, 2022 – 6:00 PM

**LOCATION:** KL Binder Library, COB, Kingston, New York

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Chair Brian Cahill

**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Fawn Tantillo and Michael Tierney

**PRESENT**: Legislators Herbert Litts, III, Thomas Corcoran, Peter Criswell,

Chris Hewitt, Joseph Maloney and Megan Sperry

**ABSENT**: None **QUORUM PRESENT**: Yes

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Legislators Phil Erner and Kathy Nolan; Deputy Executive Chris Kelly, Director Dennis Doyle, Planning; Director Nate Litwin, Recovery & Resilience, Director Lisa Berger, Tourism, Director Tim Weideman, Economic Development, Director Sharon Williams, Employment & Training, Deputy Director Faith Golden, Employment & Training

Chair Cahill Called the meeting to order at 6:04PM and led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion No. 1 MOVED to APPROVE Minutes from the October 4, 2022

Meeting of the Economic Development, Planning, Education,

**Employment, Arts and Agriculture Committee** 

Motion Made By: Legislator Hewitt
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Corcoran

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Cahill, Corcoran, Criswell, Hewitt, Litts, Maloney,

Sperry

Voting Against:
None
Votes In Favor:
7
Votes Against:
0

**Disposition:** Minutes APPROVED

Director of Tourism Lisa Berger gave a presentation on their FY2023 Budget.

Director of Economic Development Timothy Weideman gave a presentation on their FY2023 Budget.

Director of Employment and Training Sharon Williams gave a presentation on their FY2023 Budget.

Resolutions for the November 15, 2022 Legislative Session:

**Resolution No. 538** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$90,000.00 Entered Into By The County - Citizens For Local Power Inc. – Department Of Finance – ARPA

**Resolution Summary:** Subaward agreement to develop and grow the "Green Jobs Training"

Program"

Motion No. 2 Moved Resolution No. 538 FOR DISCUSSION

Motion By: Legislator Hewitt

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Criswell

**Discussion:** None.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Cahill, Corcoran, Criswell, Hewitt, Litts, Maloney,

Sperry

Voting Against:
None
Votes in Favor:
7
Votes Against:
0

**Disposition:** Resolution ADOPTED

**Resolution No. 542** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$12,250.00,

Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – The B+C,

Inc. D/B/A Belo + Company – Department Of Tourism

**Resolution Summary:** Extends term of agreement and increases amount for ad agency

that creates material for Ulster County Tourism.

Motion No. 3 Moved Resolution No. 542 for DISCUSSION

Motion By: Legislator Corcoran Seconded By: Legislator Sperry

**Discussion:** None.

**Voting In Favor** Legislators Cahill, Corcoran, Criswell, Hewitt, Litts, Maloney,

Sperry

Voting Against: None: Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0

**Disposition:** Resolution ADOPTED

**Resolution No. 543** – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To

Execute An Agreement With The New York State Department Of Agriculture And Markets For Development Of The Agricultural

Farmland Protection Plan – Department Of Planning

**Resolution Summary**: \$50,000 matching funding for grant award through the Agricultural

Farmland Protection Plan provided by New York State Department

of Agriculture and Markets.

Motion No. 4: Moved Resolution No. 543 for DISCUSSION

Motion By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hewitt

**Discussion:** None.

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Cahill, Corcoran, Criswell, Hewitt, Litts, Maloney,

Sperry

Voting Against:

Votes in Favor

Votes Against:

0

**Disposition:** Resolution Adopted

**Resolution No. 544:** Establishing Capital Project No. 648 – Ulster & Delaware Corridor

Rail Trail – Shandaken (PIN 8762.89) – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute Agreement For Federal Aid With The New York State Department Of Transportation – Amending The 2022 Capital Program – Declaring Intent To Act

As Lead Agency (SEQRA) – Department Of Finance

**Resolution Summary:** First phase of construction for the 2.5 mile trail from High Mount

to Giggle Hollow in the Town of Shandaken.

Motion No.5: Moved Resolution No. 544 to DISCUSSION

Motion By: Legislator Hewitt
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Sperry

**Discussion:** Legislator Maloney inquired with Planning Director Doyle on the

total cost to Ulster County. Doyle stated that the County will be spending \$1 million as part of a matching program with NYSDOT and has reached to ORDA for additional monies. Legislator Maloney also inquired as to which entity will be responsible for maintaining the trail. Director Doyle said at this stage the County

will be cover the costs for maintenance.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Cahill, Corcoran, Criswell, Hewitt, Litts, Sperry

**Voting Against:** Legislator Maloney

Votes In Favor: 6 Votes Against: 1

**Disposition:** Resolution ADOPTED

## **New Business**

Legislator Criswell stated that comments provided during the October 18, 2022 Public Hearing regarded Local Law Number X???? were insightful and would like to have the opportunity to ask further questions. Unanimous agreement with Legislator Criswell's position from the rest of the Committee. Chair Cahill stated these should be addressed in Caucus meetings.

Legislator Sperry stated that she reviewed a study conducted by Pattern for Progress regarding the economic impact of SUNY New Paltz on Ulster County, highlighting the effects of unaffordable housing on SUNY staff members and would like to have Patter nfor Progress discuss their study with the Committee. Chair Cahill agreed and asked Legislative Staff to invite Adam Bosch, Director of Pattern for Progress, to the December 6, 2022 Committee Meeting or to inquire with the Health Committee about a joint meeting regarding this subject.

Chairman Cahill asked if there was any other business, and hearing none;

## Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Criswell

No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0
Time: 7:45

Respectfully submitted by: Michael Tierney, Senior Legislative Employee

Minutes Approved: December 6, 2022