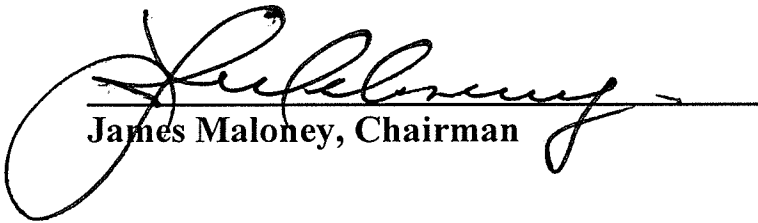



**Minutes Sign Off Sheet For:
October 9, 2013 Meeting**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM COMMITTEE:


James Maloney, Chairman

Peter Loughran, Deputy Chairman


Mary Beth Maio

Kevin Roberts


Ken Wishnick

Today's Date: November 7, 2013

Economic Development & Tourism Committee

Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: October 9, 2013/6:00 PM
LOCATION: Karen L. Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building
PRESIDING OFFICER: James Maloney, Chairman
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Frank Reggero, Senior Legislative Employee
PRESENT: Legislators Maloney, Loughran (Arrived @ 6:10 p.m.), Wishnick and Roberts
ABSENT: Legislator Maio
EXCUSED: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes
OTHER ATTENDEES: Kathy Nolan

Chairman Maloney called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

MOTIONS:

MOTION NO. 1

TEXT OF MOTION: RESOLVED to approve the September 10, 2013 Meeting Minutes
MOTION MADE BY: Legislator Roberts
MOTION SECONDED BY: Legislator Wishnick
ROLL CALL VOTE: No
VOTING IN FAVOR: Legislators Maloney, Loughran, Wishnick, and Roberts
VOTING AGAINST: None
NO. OF VOTES IN FAVOR: 4
NO. OF VOTES AGAINST: 0
DISPOSITION: Motion Passes

MOTION NO. 1

TEXT OF MOTION: RESOLUTION No. 258 – October 22, 2013
RESOLVED to approve Resolution No.258 – Amending The 2013 Ulster County Budget To Accept Additional Funding Under The Workforce Investment Act, National Emergency Grant and Trade Adjustment Assistance Funding – Department of Employment and Training

Resolution Summary:

Resolution Submitted on behalf of the Department of Employment and Training (OET) requesting that the 2013 Ulster County Budget be amended to accept additional funding totaling \$139,095.00 under the Federal Workforce Investment Act (\$56,967.00 CFDA #'s 17.258, 17.259 and 17.278), national Emergency Grant (\$58,452.00 CFDA # 17.277) and Trade Adjustment Assistance funding (\$23,676.00 CFDA #17.245). The OET will use the additional funds to subsidize occupational skills and on-the-job training services which will be provided through the end of 2013.

DISCUSSION:

Legislator Wishnick inquired as the presence of Nancy Schaefer to which Committee Chairman Maloney noted for the record that an invitation to attend had been extended but that she was not present.

MOTION MADE BY: Legislator Roberts
MOTION SECONDED BY: Legislator Maloney
ROLL CALL VOTE: No
VOTING IN FAVOR: Legs. Maloney, Wishnick, Loughran and Roberts
VOTING AGAINST: None
NO. OF VOTES IN FAVOR: 4
NO. OF VOTES AGAINST: 0
DISPOSITION: Motion Passed Unanimously

MOTION NO. 2
TEXT OF MOTION:

RESOLUTION No. 259 – October 22, 2013

RESOLVED to approve Resolution No. 259 – Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Employment Network Agreement Under A Social Security Administration Blanket Purchase Agreement – Department Of Employment And Training

Resolution Summary:

Resolution Submitted on behalf of the Department of Employment and Training (OET) requesting OET to renew their participation as an Employment Network contractor under a Blanket Purchase Agreement. The OET had previously entered into an Employment Network Agreement with the Social Security Administration to provide employment and training services to recipients of Supplemental Security Income and Social Security disability Insurance (SSDI) with the intent to move beneficiaries from benefits to self-sufficiency. OET was entitled to benchmark payments as an Employment Network contractor from the Social Security Administration based upon the type and number of instances of assistance provided to SSI and SSDI recipients in an effort to guide them to employment and self-sufficiency. The Blanket Agreement is valid for a term of ten years. The Director of the OET requested that the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature be authorized to sign an Employment Network Agreement under the Social Security Administration Blanket Purchase Agreement.

MOTION MADE BY: Legislator Roberts
MOTION SECONDED BY: Legislator Wishnick

Discussion: None

ROLL CALL VOTE: No
VOTING IN FAVOR: Legs. Maloney, Loughran and Wishnick
VOTING AGAINST: None
NO. OF VOTES IN FAVOR: 4
NO. OF VOTES AGAINST: 0
DISPOSITION: Motion Passed Unanimously

Discussion:

Legislator Wishnick inquired if Deputy Crannell had planned to speak with regard to the UCDC if he had been in attendance or if Chairman Maloney was able to report. Committee Chairman Maloney commented that with regard to questions previously posed by Legislator Wishnick, last year the structure with the creation by the budget of the Office of Business Services moved both the UCDC and IDA (who had contracted with the County for their administration) were effectively moved in that Department. Chairman Maloney suggested attendance to future meetings. Legislator Wishnick reflected that both Chairman Maloney and Legislator Loughran sit as members of the Board by virtue of being Chairman and Vice-Chairman, respectively, of the Economic Development and Tourism Committee. Chairman Maloney countered that it wasn't the original plan - that when the Board of Directors of the UCDC was comprised of about 15-20 members that voted to re-organized, there was a battle to insure that the Legislature was represented with two seats. Legislator Wishnick concurred but wished information be shared with the Economic Development and Tourism Committee and that when meetings of the UCDC and the IDA had taken place, the Committee be provided with an update of the policies, issues, directions, etc. that the sitting Legislators were privileged to and would be beneficial to the remaining members of the Committee. Chairman Maloney stated that as a first step going forward, Frank would be putting on the e-mail copy list of all of the minutes (and agendas), that would be in turn forwarded to all of the Committee members.

Secondly, Legislator Wishnick asked if there was any representation for the Legislature on the IDA to which Chairman Maloney responded that the IDA was solely appointed by the Legislature which was to operate independently from the Legislature. Legislator Wishnick asked, short of appointing members to the IDA, what role could the Legislature play in making a recommendation for change in how the IDA operates. Legislator Roberts inquired if there was a particular change that Legislator Wishnick would like to occur to which Legislator Wishnick responded that yes, with regard to the IDA policy for approval of pilots or other incentives, a requirement be included to have a local government affirmatively endorse the project for it to be approved. Legislator Wishnick indicated that it was his intent to introduce a resolution to that effect, to which Chairman Maloney replied that research on whether a resolution would affect that policy would be appropriate. Discussion ensued between Legislator Roberts, Wishnick and Chairman Maloney on varying aspects of

the issue which included what would be in the best interests of the people and whether a comprehensive economic plan was in place and approved by the local governmental agencies; that the project may be a good idea but the Town was unwilling to assume the reduction in taxes. Chairman Maloney suggested that the matter be addressed at the next meeting (following Wednesday at 8:00 a.m.). Legislator Wishnick reiterated that he would like to submit a resolution to provide home rule veto power to which Chairman Maloney stated that, if passed, the agency didn't necessary need to abide by.

There being no further business before the Committee, a motion was made by Legislator Roberts, seconded by Legislator Wishnick, and carried to adjourn the Meeting at 6:16 PM.

Dated the 30th Day of October, 2013

Lisa K. Mance, Legislative Employee, Ulster County Legislature

Minutes Approved on:

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