

**Meeting Minutes – Ulster County Legislature
Economic Development Committee
March 14, 2001**

Attending: Susan Cummings, Chair
Scott Moone
Richard Gerentine
Steve Klein
Sam Magarelli
Jeanette Provenzano
Joseph Roberti

Guests: Herb Heckler, County Planner
Cynthia Ruiz, Rural Transportation
Lorraine Salmon – UCDC

Meeting was called to order at 6:15 in the Legislative Chambers

Rural Transportation Herb Heckler & Cynthia Ruiz

- Special Services Policy: (Suggested amendments)
 1. Section 1 County Departments - Services must be approved at least 10 days prior to the event.
 2. Section 4 Municipal Special Events
A Municipality must request services in writing at least 90 day prior to the event, but no more than 6 months prior to the event.
The number of events per municipality is at the discretion of the Economic Development Committee. (Deleting: Events requested by two municipalities for the same date will give those who have not yet had service first priority.)

Moved by Sam Magarelli; seconded by Jeanette Provenzano. All in favor.

- Received a request form the Village of New Paltz for up to two buses for Stone House Day to be held August 11.

Moved by Scott Moone; seconded by Steve Klein. All in favor.

- Received a request from Chairman Todd to provide bus service between Woodstock, Saugerties, to Town of Ulster Shopping areas to help residents access grocery stores (because of the Grand Union closings). This will be done as a pilot, running until September, when it will be evaluated for sustainable ridership.

Moved by Joe Roberti; seconded by Sam Magarelli. All in favor.

- Received a request from U.C. Health Dept. for a bus for the U. C. Water Supply Advisory Board to tour stream bank stabilization sites in the region on the afternoon of April 6, 2001

Moved by Scott Moone; seconded by Steve Klein. All in favor.

- Transit Center update;
Herb reported currently doing the archeological review.

Planning: Herb Hekler

- Hudson River Institute update;
Herb shared his excitement with the committee-- Ulster County has some Super Sites. One is a "World Class Site"!
- Transportation plan is progressing and is on schedule
- Jail environmental studies
Dennis Doyle is putting a great deal of time and effort in the project and is doing a terrific job there is a considerable amount of work that has to be done.
- Census numbers are due any day. Should be in by the end of the week.

UCDC: Lorraine Salmon

Lorraine presented the committee with a list of the County's Top Employers for us to use as a tool. List is still in the development stages, but will serve as a working document.

- Investments in each township
- Consultants reaching out to retaining business
- Extend an invitation to local business to let them know we are interested in hearing them and their views.
- CEO Breakfast held last year was successful, would like to schedule another this year.
- UCDC will focus on business retention

Telecommunications:

- Economic Cabinet met and the message they want to project is that we want everyone to know they are weighing a system that serves the Ulster County Community in a loop rather than a star and not basing their decision on dollars and cents only.
- System must deliver a county wide looping system
- Must reflect the real cost to taxpayers

Motion made by Sam Magarelli that the committee forward a letter to CVS requesting that they work with Town Officials in locating their drug store in Woodstock at the former Grand Union site. With the loss of the Town's only supermarket, this will severely impact the entire community to be without a grocery store. Motion seconded by Jeanette Provenzano. All in favor.

Motion to adjourn by Sam Magarelli; seconded by Jeanette Provenzano.