

**ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

NAME OF COMMITTEE: Public Works & Capital Projects Committee

DATE: April 6, 2009

TIME: 4:45 PM

PLACE: Library Conference Room, 6th Floor
County Office Building

LEGISLATORS PRESENT: Chairman Peter Loughran, Deputy Chairman Dean Fabiano, Legislators Jon Decker, Roy Hochberg, and Mary Sheeley

LEGISLATORS ABSENT: Legislator Frank Felicello, Legislator Kevin Roberts

OTHERS ATTENDING: Dave Sheeley, Commissioner of Public Works, Cynthia Ruiz, Director of Public Transit, Marshall Beckman, Deputy Co. Executive, Brian Cunningham, Public Works, Dennis Doyle, Planning, Lynda Bertling, Public Works, Lee Cane (LWV), Tom Kadgen (LWV)

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER @ 5:00 PM

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 10, 2009 MINUTES: All in Favor

CAPITAL PROJECTS:

1. **Resolution No. 115** - Amending Capital Project No. 312 For UCAT Building Construction Upgrade And HVAC Controls For The Ulster County Area Transit Facility (Department Of Transportation) - Public Works (Buildings And Grounds)

Motion offered by Legislator Dean Fabiano, Seconded by Legislator Mary Sheeley, All in Favor

Discussion: Cynthia Ruiz, Director of Public Transit addressed the committee about the project. The project will be completed by approved 2009 American Recovery and Investment Act Funds (Federal Stimulus). This Project needs to move forward quickly due to the fact that it is Stimulus Funds.

2. **Resolution No. 116** - Amending Capital Project No. 313 For The Purpose Of Construction Of A 15,000 Gallon Diesel Fuel Storage Facility For The Ulster County Area Transit Facility - Amending The 2009 Ulster County Budget - Public Works (Buildings And Grounds)

Motion offered by Legislator Dean Fabiano, Seconded by Legislator Mary Sheeley, All in Favor

Discussion: Cynthia Ruiz stated that she did a cost analysis that reflected the County Share of 17,000 dollars, the analysis showed that the project would pay for itself in one year. The savings would be a result of buying bulk diesel fuel. Stimulus Funds will be made available for the construction of the project. The funding is contingent on the approval of the allocation of Federal UZA 89 Stimulus Funds.

3. **Resolution No. 118** - Establishing Capital Project No. 323 For Purchase of Transit System Buses For Ulster County Area Transit - Department Of Public Transportation

Motion offered by Legislator Mary Sheeley, Seconded by Legislator Dean Fabiano, All in Favor

Discussion: Cynthia Ruiz stated that 100% Federal Stimulus Funding has been made available for this project. This Project is contingent on the approval of the allocation of Federal UZA 89 Stimulus Funds. The committee asked several questions about the purchases of the buses, Hybrid Transit buses, and Cutaway Transit buses.

4. **Resolution No. 120** - Establishing Capital Project No. 324 For Purchase of Automatic Vehicle Locator And Scheduling System For Ulster County Area Transit And Amending the 2009-2014 Ulster County Capital Program - Department Of Public Transportation

Motion offered by Legislator Mary Sheeley, Seconded by Legislator Roy Hochberg, All in Favor

Discussion: Cynthia Ruiz stated that 100% Federal Stimulus Funding has been made available for this project and is contingent on the approval of the allocation of Federal UZA 89 Stimulus Funds. Cynthia explained how the GPS would work and the benefits to both her Department and all other Departments that choose to use it. This system would replace the Access Data Base that they currently use. The same Dispatchers would do the work.

5. **Resolution No. 121** - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Amend An Agreement With The New York State Department Of Transportation And To Amend Capital Project No. 234 (Kerhonkson Bridge) To Provide For The Construction And Inspection Phases Of The Project - Amending The 2009-2014 Capital Program - Department Of Public Works (Highways And Bridges) **Note: Resolution Requires A Bond Resolution (No. 122)**

Motion offered by Legislator Dean Fabiano, Seconded by Legislator Mary Sheeley, All in Favor

Discussion: All phases of this project are funded by Federal Stimulus Funding. Dennis Doyle explained the process at this point and that this project is under a fairly aggressive time schedule due to fact that it is Stimulus Money. Legislator Sheeley raised concerns about the bridge and the length of time that it has already taken, her concern is that if the Stimulus money does not come through that the project will be put on hold again. Mary asked that all District 1 Legislators be added to the Resolution.

6. **Resolution No. 123** - Authorizing Right-Of-Way Acquisition Of Certain Real Property For The Purpose Of Elimination And Replacement Of Two Bridges, Carrying Old New Paltz Road (CR159) Over The Abandoned Conrail Right-Of-Way, In The Town Of Lloyd (Highway Bridge Replacement And Rehabilitation) PIN 8755.14, BIN 3224270 And BIN 3224280, Not On The State Highway System - Department Of Public Works (Highways And Bridges)

Motion offered by Legislator Jon Decker, Seconded by Legislator Mary Sheeley, All in Favor

7. **Resolution No. 124** - Amending Capital Project No. 242 - Authorizing And Funding A Change Order For Out-Of-Scope Services And Rate Adjustments For The Elimination And Replacement Of Two Bridges, Carrying Old New Paltz Road (CR159) Over The Abandoned Conrail Right-Of-Way, In The Town Of Lloyd (Highway Bridge Replacement And Rehabilitation) PIN 8755.14, BIN 3224270 And BIN 3224280 - Amending The 2009-2014 Capital Program - Amending The 2009 Ulster County Capital Fund Budget - Department Of Public Works (Highways And Bridges)

Motion offered by Legislator Jon Decker, Seconded by Legislator Dean Fabiano, All in Favor

8. **Resolution No. 125** - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Amend An Agreement With The New York State Department Of Transportation And Amend Capital Project No. 242 - Elimination And Replacement Of Two Bridges, Carrying Old New Paltz Road (CR159) Over The Abandoned Conrail Right-Of-Way, In The Town Of Lloyd (Highway Bridge Replacement And Rehabilitation) PIN 8755.14, BIN 3224270 And BIN 3224280 And Providing For The Construction And Inspection Of The Project - Department Of Public Works (Highways And Bridges) **Note: Resolution Requires A Bond Resolution (No. 126)**

Motion offered by Legislator Jon Decker, Seconded by Legislator Roy Hochberg, All in Favor

9. **Late Resolution No. 135** - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A License Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding With The New York State Division of Parole For The Use Of Space In The Former County Jail On Golden Hill, Kingston, New York

Motion offered by Legislator Mary Sheeley, Seconded by Legislator Dean Fabiano, All in Favor

Discussion: Brian Cunningham explained to the Committee that the NYS Division of Parole is requesting to use the Administrative Wing of the old jail. They would use the space to meet with local parolees and for general office space. They are currently working on a Licensing Agreement with Contract Management. Marshall Beckman stated that this would greatly improve parole supervision and that NYS would have a reporting station in Ulster County for the first time. This License can be revoked at any time if the jail is needed in the future.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Loughran addressed the question that all materials, goods, and services for Capital Projects from companies that are produced within the United States should to every extent possible be bought within the United States. He is going to speak with the Director of Purchasing Robin Peruso further and follow up with the Committee.

Concerns were raised by Chairman Loughran over the amount of fuel the County vehicles are using and would like to explore the possibility of buying bulk gasoline. Legislator Decker stated that it is dangerous and expensive to store gasoline, so therefore bulk would not be the cost effective way to purchase gasoline. The Committee is requesting from Dave Sheeley, a cost benefit analysis on fuel usage by all County vehicles. (fuel usage, cost reduction, number of vehicles, how much gas used a week, gasoline/diesel)

Motion to adjourn @ 6:05 PM

Motion offered by Legislator Dean Fabiano, Seconded by Legislator Jon Decker, All in Favor

**Respectfully submitted,
Tammy Wilson
Senior Legislative Employee**