

**Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning & Transit Committee
Committee Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: May 5, 2020 – 6:00 PM
LOCATION: Powered by Zoom Meeting by Dialing (646) 558-8656,
Meeting ID: 976 7537 8677
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairman Brian Cahill
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Victoria Fabella, Jay Mahler, Fawn Tantillo
PRESENT: Legislators Lynn Archer, Thomas Corcoran, James Delaune,
Herbert Litts, III, Mary Beth Maio, Abe Uchitelle and Legislative
Chairman David Donaldson
ABSENT: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislator Tracey Bartels; Legislator Peter Criswell; Dennis Doyle, Director, Ulster County Planning Department; Kathy Nolan, Senior Research Director, Catskill Mountain Keeper; Richard Remsnyder, Director, Ulster County Tourism

Chairman Cahill called the meeting to order at 6:02 and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion No. 1: Motion to Approve the Minutes of April 14, 2019

Motion Made By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Chairman Donaldson

Discussion: None.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Archer, Corcoran, Delaune, Litts, Maio, Uchitelle and Donaldson

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 8

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Minutes Approved

Resolutions for the May 19, 2020 Session of the Legislature

Resolution No. 173 - Confirming Appointment Of Sajaa Ahmed As The Director Of The Department Of Transportation For The County Of Ulster

Resolution Summary: This resolution confirms the appointment of Sajaa Ahmed as Director of the Department of Transportation.

Motion No. 2: Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 173

Motion By: Legislator Donaldson

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Uchitelle

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Archer, Corcoran, Delaune, Litts, Maio, Uchitelle and Donaldson

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 8

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Resolution Approved**

Resolution No. 174 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – The Offset House, Inc. D/B/A Catamount Color – Department Of Tourism

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves a contract for the printing of the 2020-2021 Ulster County Travel Guide.

Motion No. 3: Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 174

Motion By: Legislator Donaldson

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Archer

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Archer, Corcoran, Delaune, Litts, Maio, Uchitelle and Donaldson

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 8

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Resolution Approved**

Resolution No. 178 - Establishing A Process For The Development Of A Housing Action Plan For The County And Authorizing The Chair In Collaboration With The County Executive To Create An Advisory Committee On Housing To Assist In Its Development - Department Of Planning

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the Chairman to collaborate with the County Executive to create an Advisory Committee on Housing to develop a Hosing Plan.

Motion No. 4: Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 178

Motion By: Legislator Donaldson

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Corcoran

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Archer, Corcoran, Delaune, Litts, Maio, Uchitelle and Donaldson

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 8

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Resolution Approved**

Resolution No. 179 - Creating Housing Opportunities Throughout The County By Requesting The City Of Kingston Land Bank (“KCLB”) Expand Its Jurisdiction Outside Of The City Of Kingston And Promoting The Use Of County Owned Lands For Workforce Housing – Ulster County Planning Department

Resolution Summary: This resolution requests the Kingston City Land Bank collaborate with Ulster County to expand the jurisdiction to lands outside the City of Kingston. It also authorizes the County Executive to inventory County-owned lands to ascertain if they are suitable to meet County housing goals.

Motion No. 5: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 179**
Motion By: Legislator Delaune
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Donaldson

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Archer, Corcoran, Delaune, Litts, Maio, Uchitelle and Donaldson

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 8

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Resolution Approved**

Resolution No. 180- Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Easement Agreement With The City Of Kingston For The Ulster County Midtown Linear Park (PIN 8761.82) In The City Of Kingston – Department Of Planning

Resolution Summary: Authorizes the Chairman to execute agreements for the acquisition of trail easements from the City of Kingston to construct and operate the Ulster County Midtown Linear Park Project.

Motion No. 6: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 180**
Motion By: Legislator Archer
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Uchitelle

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Archer, Corcoran, Delaune, Litts, Maio, Uchitelle and Donaldson
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 8
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Approved**

Resolution No. 8: Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 1 Of 2020, A Local Law Requiring That Property Owners Of Multi-Family Dwellings Residential Rental Properties Located In Ulster County With Six Or More Units Have An Office In Ulster County, To Be Held On Tuesday, May 12, 2020 At 6:00 PM

Resolution Summary: This resolution would schedule a public hearing on Proposed Local Law 1 of 2020 on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 At 6:00 PM

Resolution No. 9: Establishing A Special Committee To Define Ulster County Housing Needs

Resolution Summary: This resolution would establish a Special 7-member committee to develop an Affordable Housing Master Plan and associated county policies.

Discussion: See attached Transcript

Disposition: **No Action on Resolution No. 8 and Resolution No. 9**

Resolution No. 177 - Appointing And Reappointing Members To The Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Board of Directors

Resolution Summary: This resolution will appoint and/or re-appoint members of the Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Board of Directors for a term from the present to December 31, 2021.

Motion No. 7: **Motion to Discuss Resolution No. 177**
Motion By: Legislator Donaldson
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Archer

Discussion: See attached transcript

Motion No. 8: **Motion to Postpone Resolution No. 177**
Motion By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Corcoran

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Archer, Corcoran, Delaune, Litts, Maio, Uchitelle and Donaldson

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 8

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Resolution Postponed**

New Business – Old Business

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

Motion to Adjourn

Motion Made By: Legislator Litts

Motion Seconded By: Chairman Donaldson

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Time: 7:26 PM

Respectfully submitted by: Fawn Tantillo & Laurie Lichtenstein
(transcript) **Minutes Approved: June 2, 2020**

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Chairman Cahill 00:00
Call the meeting to order.

Chairman Cahill 00:00
We're going to stand for the Pledge of the flag. Let's try that, from home, everyone. I hope you have a flag handy. Thank you.

Group members 00:09
I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Chairman Cahill 00:32
Someone make a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting.

Legislator Litts 00:38
So moved.

00:40
I'll second it.

Chairman Cahill 00:42
All in favor.

Legislator Corcoran 00:43
Aye. Aye.

Chairman Cahill 00:45

Opposed.

Chairman Cahill 00:47

Thank you. At this time, I'd like to rearrange some of the Resolutions.

Chairman Cahill 00:54

I spoke with Legislator Petit just a few minutes ago on the phone. and she said contingent on Resolutions 177 and 178 passing, she's going to withdraw her and Legislator Parete are going to withdrawal Resolutions Numbers 8 and 9. So, if we do pass 177 and 178, we'll move to withdraw those two. So, I'm going to guess that we put those after those two, and then that will put 173 right in front.

Legislator Uchitelle 01:23

So, as a point of information, do you mean 178? and 179?

Chairman Cahill 01:31

I do. I do. Yes. Yeah. 177 is probably not the one that we want to be coupling there.

Legislator Uchitelle 01:40

Correct.

Chairman Cahill 01:41

Okay. (Laughter) All right. 178 and 179. Thank you.

Chairman Cahill 01:47

So, we'll go with Resolution Number 173, which is: Confirming Appointment Of Sajaa Ahmed As The Director Of The Department Of Transportation For The County Of Ulster.

Chairman Cahill 01:56

Did I say your name correct, by the way?

Sajaa Ahmed 01:58

You did. That's Sajaa Ahmed.

Chairman Cahill 02:01

Thank you.

Chairman Donaldson 02:04

I'll move it.

Legislator Uchitelle 02:06

Second.

Chairman Cahill 02:09

All in favor?

Legislator Litts 02:10

Aye.

Legislator Corcoran 02:10

Aye.

Legislator Archer 02:10

Aye.

Legislator Delaune 02:11

Aye.

Legislator Delaune 02:12

Aye.

Legislator Uchitelle 02:12

Aye.

Chairman Donaldson 02:12

Aye.

Chairman Cahill 02:12

Aye.

Chairman Cahill 02:13

All right. Well, congratulations.

Sajaa Ahmed 02:15

Thank you so much. And if you have any questions for me in the meantime, please let me know. I'm always available.

Chairman Cahill 02:22

Right. Good job. Thank you.

Chairman Cahill 02:27

Resolution 174. which is: Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – The Offset House, Inc. D/B/A Catamount Color – Department Of Tourism.

Chairman Cahill 02:42

So, do you want to move that for discussion?

Legislator Archer 02:47

Second.

Chairman Donaldson 02:49

I'll move it.

Legislator Archer 02:53

I thought I moved it for discussion. So, I'll second.

Chairman Cahill 02:56

Okay, I'm sorry. I didn't hear you.

Legislator Archer 02:58

That's okay.

Chairman Cahill 02:58

Okay. So, what do we got folks?

Legislator Archer 03:01

Well, we had asked for some additional information as to why we're doing this now. What was the 10 percent cut the tourism department was proposing? Given our current state, do we really need to be spending this money on a tour guide? And so, we're waiting for some questions pack and Evelyn, I don't know if Marc handed them off to you. They came out our chair meeting.

Dr. Evelyn Wright 03:35

No, I'm sorry, I did not get those questions from him, but I can speak to this. So, the work on the guide has been going on for months. So, Rick and I went through this in some detail and essentially it would cost us about \$3,000 less to not do the guide than to do it at this point. Because of work already done, ads already sold, and everything.

Dr. Evelyn Wright 04:06

And so, you know, the question I asked Rick was, for those businesses that have already placed ads in the guide, whose money would have to be refunded if we didn't do the guide, would they maybe rather have that money back now, rather than have the ads placed in the guide with the uncertain future? And he said, he ran that by the Lodging Coalition, and their answer was, we really depend on the guide for our advertising. We want to see it go ahead. So, between those two factors, we decided that it made sense to go ahead.

Legislator Archer 04:43

And we also asked for an understanding of what he was proposing for his 10 percent cut, as has been asked, so, can we get any of that information?

Dr. Evelyn Wright 04:55

That is mostly coming out of his advertising budget. So, he's almost entirely seized placing ads. And those are those are going to be, you know, on hold until it makes sense to place them again. And to rethink what we're doing. I again, I don't have the budget in front of me. But that's basically where the majority of it was coming from.

Chairman Donaldson 05:20

On this Resolution, I think this Resolution it certainly makes sense for us. We continue on. I mean, we kind of foolish courage not to spend \$3,000, which basically what it's going to be, because he spent the rest of it. So, I think we will have to find other cuts in that budget. But at this point, I think we need to move on.

Chairman Cahill 05:53

Any other comment? I'll go, sorry. Oh, well, any other comments from committee members first? Tracey, just make sure we get everybody in committee answered first.

Legislator Corcoran 06:01

I think at \$3,000, it doesn't make sense not to move forward.

Chairman Cahill 06:09

Okay. Tracey, you had a question?

Legislator Bartels 06:11

Yeah, I'm sorry, I had trouble getting in. I just want clarification. The \$3,000. It's only it costs only \$3,000 for the printing?

Dr. Evelyn Wright 06:19

No, sorry. In terms of the work that's already been done, and the costs that have already been incurred, and the ad sales that would have to be refunded. At this point, to not do the guide, versus doing the guide, the difference is about \$3,000.

Legislator Bartels 06:36

Thank you. I apologize for having you repeat it. Thank you.

Chairman Cahill 06:43

Any other questions or comments?

Legislator Archer 06:46

Just one more. I'm looking at first quarter expenses under, would this be under professional services for the guide?

Dr. Evelyn Wright 06:57

Yes.

Legislator Archer 06:58

Okay. So, he's already booked at \$84,000. Is this towards the guide?

Dr. Evelyn Wright 07:07

I'm sorry, where are we?

Legislator Archer 07:09

I'm just looking at a report a quarterly, a first quarter report, and what has already been expended in professional services. And so, I was just curious if this was attached to the guide.

Dr. Evelyn Wright 07:24

I'm not sure what you're looking at, I think, and I'm not sure exactly the different buckets that his budget is under. So, I'd have to take a look.

Legislator Archer 07:34

Okay.

Dr. Evelyn Wright 07:36

I don't know if the contract with Cubic, the ad agency, is included under that because there would have been expenditures under that already. So, I suspect that that's what that is, but I'd have to take a look to be sure.

Richard Remsnyder 07:51

I could clarify that. I'm here.

Legislator Archer 07:54

Oh, all right.

Richard Remsnyder 07:58

I didn't want to butt in. Yeah, that money. Part of our fees for professional services also includes the money for our agency. So, that's the money that has been encumbered, and it's been spent for the first three months. Also, Evelyn was on point with all their information. I just would like to stress that we have paused all our paid media right after the effects of the pandemic in mid-March. So, and I don't know when we're going to be able to resume that paid media.

Richard Remsnyder 08:38

So, I think it's more incumbent than ever to have the travel guide because that'll be basically our sole means of selling the County. And it's certainly one of our main promotional tours. So, that's one of the reasons I think it's very, you know, important that we have the guide out on the distribution of the thruway and all the other places, we distribute it throughout the Northeast.

Chairman Cahill 09:02

So, Rick. Real quick. So, you'd stop your other media advertising, I guess is what you said. So, now, has that resulted in a cut in your budget or a savings in your budget at this point? Or, how's that working?

Richard Remsnyder 09:19

Right. Yes. Well, we're saving that money for when it makes sense to spend it. Which we don't know when that's going to be. It all depends on when the Governor lifts the restrictions and we expect people to come in. So, yes. We still have a substantial, I don't want substantial, but enough money to get us through the rest of the year, when we resume our paid media.

Chairman Cahill 09:46

Legislator Archer.

Richard Remsnyder 09:48

Rick, we just heard that potentially you are 10 percent cut is coming out of your advertising, can you can you share what you propose as your 10 percent cut and how much that was?

Richard Remsnyder 10:04

Right.

Legislator Archer 10:05

And one other follow-up, Rick. You did more... You usually do another guide. Are you stopping any other guides? You're only going to do this guide? Didn't you do a restaurant guide or something, as well?

Richard Remsnyder 10:20

Yes, we haven't done that in a couple years.

Legislator Archer 10:23

Oh, okay.

Richard Remsnyder 10:24

So, we decided to just do a travel guide and advertise our restaurants on the website. Because you know, the information changes so quickly on the restaurants.

Legislator Archer 10:36

Right.

Richard Remsnyder 10:36

So, as far as our budget, we had a 10% cut, which was about \$115,000. And \$93,000 of that was advertising, paid media. We also, of course, were not going to conferences. So, that was another \$7,500, travel. We cut overtime because obviously we're not on the road like we normally are. So, that's basically the breakdown of the \$115,000. Then the 10 percent that we proposed to cut.

Legislator Archer 11:08

And it's \$150? It came out to \$150?

Richard Remsnyder 11:12

\$115,000.

Legislator Archer 11:15

Okay. 1-1-5. Thank you.

Chairman Cahill 11:19

Tracey.

Legislator Bartels 11:21

Thank you. Just another question for Rick and Evelyn. In the leadership meeting, Marc mentioned that the magazines wouldn't be circulated this summer that the it was anticipated we would hold the circulation of the magazines, potentially until next summer. Are we obligated, contractually, to circulate them sooner based on this the advertising buys in the magazine? Or, what is the what is the plan for distribution of these magazines?

Richard Remsnyder 11:52

Yeah, the plan is, and we already have some distribution contracts in place, is a one-year contract from whenever the Legislature approves it. One-year period to, you know, print and distribute the guide.

Richard Remsnyder 12:13

I'm not sure what magazines Marc was referring to.

Legislator Bartels 12:17

He was talking about the guide.

Richard Remsnyder 12:19

Okay. Yeah, no, we have plans, going forward, to do the guide for this year.

Dr. Evelyn Wright 12:27

So, Rick, when would with distribution typically start?

Richard Remsnyder 12:33

We would have it out usually the middle of May. It's going to be a little delayed this year, probably. Which is probably a good thing because it's going to be, probably a one-month delay. So, it would hit the all the distribution points around the middle of June.

Richard Remsnyder 12:54

And that's actually going to be beneficial because I think that's when, hopefully, some of the restrictions will be lifted and people will actually be looking for the guide. And they needed to do their planning. So, it's always nice to be out there. You know, right in the beginning of the summer.

Chairman Cahill 13:14

Okay, any other questions? Okay, so, all those in favor?

Legislator Maio 13:24

All in favor?

Legislator Litts 13:24

Aye.

Legislator Corcoran 13:24

Aye.

Legislator Delaune 13:24

Aye.

Legislator Uchitelle 13:24

Aye.

Chairman Donaldson 13:24

Aye.

Chairman Cahill 13:24

Aye.

Chairman Cahill 13:30

Opposed? No one opposed? Lynn, I can't hear you. I'm sorry.

Legislator Archer 13:39

All right. Thank you. I have to say I'm struggling. I know that you've already put money out there. I'm not... I mean, it has we already expended or is it through contract? Do we have a contract that... I just feel like we don't even know what we're going to be open for business for, and I get it.

Legislator Archer 13:59

It's just, we're spending a lot of money. And I just feel like we have to start being a little more disciplined about where we're putting our money and what's realistic in this post-COVID environment, which we're actually still in. So, we don't even know what's going to happen over the next several months. And so, I'm really struggling with this.

Richard Remsnyder 14:27

Can I add...

Chairman Cahill 14:28

So, hold on, Rick. I think I think we are we already started the vote, so we have to complete the vote.

Richard Remsnyder 14:34

Oh, sorry.

Chairman Cahill 14:35

That's all right. Is that correct? We have to complete the vote. Dave?

Legislator Archer 14:39

I just... Okay. So. I can't get my one question answered. Okay.

Chairman Cahill 14:44

Yeah, no, no, no...

Legislator Archer 14:45

I can't get it answered. I'm a no.

Chairman Cahill 14:47

No, I'm saying I don't know, because we did already start to vote. And then, I asked for questions. There were no questions. So, I asked for the vote. And then there was another question.

Legislator Archer 14:56

Yeah.

Chairman Cahill 14:56

I'm asking what the procedure here is, to continue the vote, or do we continue asking questions?

Chairman Donaldson 15:04

If all of you want to continue asking questions, fine. But I think we've been advised. And it would cost us basically, it's \$3,000. Because...

Legislator Archer 15:16

The savings of the guide, right?

Chairman Donaldson 15:19

I think I'm speaking right now.

Legislator Archer 15:20

No, that's fine.

Chairman Donaldson 15:21

... \$3,000, or return the money and, and not new. It's basically \$3,000. I mean, do you not do this? At this point? I don't, don't get it. Don't get why you would not do it if there's one for that type of money. Making sure that you do have these out. And many of these actually last more than just a... these last for... people use them right into the following year.

Chairman Cahill 16:00

Any other questions or comments? Tracey?

Legislator Bartels 16:07

Thank you. Rick, I'm wondering, or Evelyn, and I know you probably don't have it handy today, but can we get a copy of what the, what it costs to advertise in the magazine? What that what those buys costs, restaurants and businesses?

Richard Remsnyder 16:29

Sure, I can provide that we have. We have a rate card, be happy to send that to the members of the committee.

Legislator Bartels 16:35

That would be great. And then, my one follow-up question to that is... I know this may seem like an odd question, but have you discussed with any of the businesses their thoughts about continuing with the distribution of this?

Richard Remsnyder 16:48

Yes. As Evelyn noted, I had a Zoom call with the leadership of the Ulster County Lodging Coalition. And I asked them. Among the people, on the Lodging Coalition is Mohawk, Emerson Buttermilk, Pine Ridge. And they all indicated that they rather have the guide being out and distributed and advertising their properties than having their ad revenue refunded to them.

Legislator Bartels 17:31

Thank you.

Chairman Cahill 17:32

Any other questions? Legislator Archer.

Legislator Archer 17:36

Yeah, I just wanted, just for clarification, Rick, you've already collected the money from them. Correct?

Richard Remsnyder 17:45

The firm that was doing the guide, they've collected the revenue, correct.

Legislator Archer 17:51

Okay. And that gets applied to the cost of the guide.

Richard Remsnyder 17:56

Correct. Yes. Its deducted, yes.

Chairman Cahill 17:58

Okay.

Chairman Cahill 18:02

Any other questions?

Chairman Cahill 18:06

Okay, let's take this vote again. So, I make sure that we have it right. All those in favor. say aye.

Legislator Maio 18:11

Aye.

Legislator Delaune 18:12

Aye.

Chairman Donaldson 18:12

Aye

Legislator Corcoran 18:12

Aye.

Legislator Uchitelle 18:12

Aye.

Chairman Cahill 18:12

Aye.

Legislator Litts 18:12

Aye.

Chairman Cahill 18:14

Those opposed?

Chairman Cahill 18:19

Okay, so, then it's moved. Thank you.

Chairman Cahill 18:22

So, then, now we're going take a couple... I'm sorry...

Fawn Tantillo 18:26

The vote was 8-0, or was it... did Lynn Archer change her vote to yes? In the final count?

Legislator Archer 18:36

The final vote was the final vote. I didn't say no. So, yeah, I'm a yes.

Fawn Tantillo 18:40

Okay, sorry.

Legislator Archer 18:41

That's all right.

Chairman Cahill 18:44

Okay, for expediency, would you like to go do 178, 179 first, and then come back to 177? Or, how would you guys like to do this? I'm open. I think if, maybe we clear the deck and then come back to one 177
What do you think?

Chairman Cahill 19:03

I think that's a good idea. Let's do that.

Chairman Cahill 19:05

All right. So, 178. Establishing A Process For The Development Of A Housing Action Plan For The County And Authorizing The Chair In Collaboration With The County Executive To Create An Advisory Committee On Housing To Assist In Its Development - Department Of Planning.

Chairman Donaldson 19:22

So moved.

Chairman Cahill 19:24

A second.

Legislator Corcoran 19:30

I'll second.

Chairman Cahill 19:30

Okay. Thank you.

Chairman Cahill 19:32

Any discussion or questions? Dr. Wright is here this evening to answer questions that anyone might have. We have the outline of what the Executive's Office is proposing as the committee. I think we've all seen that. We saw that the last couple of meetings.

Chairman Cahill 19:52

And so, our next steps would be to actually form this committee and put names in. We have folks, we have the slot from the Legislature that can be filled. And I'm sure that Dr. Wright, in the Executive's Office, would entertain any suggestions for the other positions to consider filling those slots.

Chairman Cahill 20:10

So, is there any discussion on this this evening? Dave, go ahead.

Chairman Donaldson 20:23

Yes, this is something we've been discussing for months. And we've been working with the County Executive on this. We went back and forth, exactly how we wanted to go about doing it. And rather than creating just the committee, that would be from, in other words, the Legislature. We felt that a joint effort with the Executive made much more sense. And, I think, it's the way to go. So, I'll support it. And I hope that we all support it.

Chairman Cahill 21:02

Any other questions from the committee? Okay. So, Legislator Walter asked before you, Legislator Bartels. So, we'll let Eve go first.

Legislator Walter 21:11

Hi. Yeah, I'm sorry, I'm trying to tell from reading the Resolution. But is the intent of this committee to identify the need? Or, is the intent of this committee to identify some actual potential solutions that we could then choose one, and produce Resolutions, to actually do something? So, is it... Yeah, so, which of the two is the intent of this committee?

Dr. Evelyn Wright 21:42

Yes. Both. It is to... The study is envisioned to get us all up to date on the data, as well as look at scenarios for how that data may change with the crisis that we're living through. But then to proceed quickly to looking at solutions. And both, you know, tried and true tools, as well as things that are being tried elsewhere. And so, the committee is to provide input to that, and help select then those solutions to be built into actual policy.

Legislator Walter 22:19

So, for the Legislature, will these potential solutions be shared with the Legislature before any kind of enactment? So, that we can give feedback to, you know, the potential benefits and drawbacks of some of these solutions?

Dr. Evelyn Wright 22:37

Sure. I imagine we'll work through this committee to do that.

Chairman Cahill 22:42

Don't forget, we're also going to have a member appointed by the committee. And we're going to work in conjunction with the Executive's Office, is the intent. To try and get you know, as much representation across the spectrum of housing needs in the County, heard.

Chairman Cahill 22:57

And then, you know, I've gotten suggestions from a couple of different other Legislators that have been forwarded to Dr. Wright, for inclusion and for consideration. And I think we just continue to do that, and keep moving towards the solution. I think initially, we have obviously determined a need. Which is as we have experienced, is such a fluid thing, and it's going to change even more as we go forward here. So, we have to have the ability to move very, very quickly. Right?

Chairman Cahill 22:58

So, with that, I think it was Legislator Bartels. And oh, actually, Legislator Uchitelle is on the committee. Tracey, I am going let him go first, okay?

Legislator Uchitelle 23:36

Thank you, Chairman Cahill. So, just to that last point. We're not... In this legislation, we don't actually cede any power. So, if midway through, or if at any point through, you know, through this process, the Legislature wanted to act on housing, in any capacity, we would still potentially be able to.

Legislator Uchitelle 23:55

And if anything the Executive proposed had to go through, you know, because of the form of the request that they're making, had to go through the Legislature, we wouldn't have ceded any authority over that decision through this legislation. So, we preserve all of our prerogative on housing, here. We're merely supporting this approach. And we probably won't be throwing up, you know, all sorts of Resolutions for different things because we want them to work through this committee. But, if we wanted to, we would still be able to. We haven't ceded that, you know, we don't cede that authority. We don't cede that legislative prerogative here, at all.

Chairman Cahill 24:32

Thank you, Legislator, Bartels.

Legislator Bartels 24:36

Thank you. So, thank you for circulating the background, Chair Cahill. I just have a couple of questions, technical questions.

Legislator Bartels 24:46

And the first is, how is the Chair going to be selected for the committee? Normally when we form committees, we say in the Resolution, how the Chair is going to be selected. And I don't see anywhere in the background, or Resolution, how that's going to happen.

Chairman Cahill 25:08

So, the actual structure of that committee, and Dr. Wright and Dave, as I understand it, is really going to be up to the Executive's Office, how he structures that committee, and how they would... All right. I'll let Dave go ahead.

Chairman Donaldson 25:21

Yeah, actually, we've been in discussions about this, actually, since December. And the idea here is, you know, the Executive's Office can, you know, move things a little quicker than the Legislature. We are a deliberative body.

Chairman Donaldson 25:40

But actually, Abe hit the nail right on the head. We're giving absolutely nothing up here. What we're doing is trying to work very closely with the Executive, and be part of it. And anything that comes out of there, will of course have to go through the Legislature in Resolutions.

Chairman Donaldson 25:59

And also, whoever chooses the Chair, we haven't really got into that discussion. But it's going to be chosen within the committee. Would, you know, that would be the most likely the way it normally is done. The committee would make a decision within that. They will let somebody that will Chair that committee.

Chairman Donaldson 26:23

And that committee is more of a task force, I would say, rather than a committee. I would kind of call it sort of a task force. Because, I always think it committees from the Legislature more, you know, more directly from the Legislature.

Chairman Donaldson 26:40

But the input, in fact, I mean, I implore everyone on the Legislature, if they have somebody that they, you know, think that should be on this. You know, please let me know, or let the Executive know, or Evelyn. We're looking at, you know, trying to make sure that this isn't a very effective task force. And we're trying to make it open enough where we can get it done.

Chairman Donaldson 27:10

And, you know, sometimes as you know, if we did it just through the Legislative body, us being a deliberative body that we are, we could be talking about the committee for months on end. Which we already have, technically. But the COVID thing basically, sort of usurped, you know, took the blood right out of this from the very beginning. And now, we're back on it. So, how they're going to choose that Chair would probably be done within the committee.

Legislator Bartels 27:42

Okay, can I ask a couple other technical questions from the background from the [MOU]. So, who is going to call the first meeting? Is the Executive going to call the first meeting?

Chairman Cahill 27:54

Well, this is the Executive's committee, Tracey. It's not a Legislative committee. This is the Executive's committee. Right. Am I right about that?

Legislator Bartels 28:01

That's the point for me. I mean, the Legislature is making some of the appointments. Which that's one of my questions too. Because it says that the Chair of the Legislature will appoint the Legislative representative, and three other members. So, is it just, what three other members is the is the Legislature, is the Chair going to appoint?

Chairman Cahill 28:22

Well, that's, I think, a negotiation between the Chair and the Executive, correct?

Chairman Donaldson 28:27

That's what we're doing, right. We're looking at, like I said before, it's a collaboration thing. So, we're both looking at... In other words, they're are looking for the Chair to do, technically, the way it is right now looking more to do those people matter from the community, by community organizations type of thing. You know, as opposed, to the more expert type of thing. The experts will be most likely through the Executive.

Legislator Bartels 29:01

And is there a timeframe for the completion of the work? Or is it just open ended?

Dr. Evelyn Wright 29:07

The timeframe is through the end of this year.

Legislator Bartels 29:09

Okay. Okay.

Chairman Donaldson 29:12

We are we are looking at, you know, we wanted to accomplish that quicker. But, you know, when in reality we have to face the realities, of even today, with the COVID and all that. I think the end of the year makes sense.

Legislator Bartels 29:29

Yeah, of course. I mean, I think that's more than reasonable. And it's ambitious, but probably doable.

Chairman Donaldson 29:35

Right.

Legislator Bartels 29:35

And just one, one last comment or suggestion. When you're talking about suggestions for representation on the committee, I don't see it written there, but I think you might want to consider our AG (Agriculture) community. Because housings been an issue for the AG community and it's not specifically listed.

Chairman Cahill 29:54

But I think we did suggest that in one of the committee meetings. We did suggest that the AG, AG Society, not the Society, the community, was represented. Was on that. I thought we did make that suggestion.

Legislator Bartels 30:07

I heard that once before. And I thought it was a good suggestion.

Chairman Cahill 30:10

I did too.

Legislator Bartels 30:10

I'm just raising it again. Because I don't see it in that background. But if there's flexibility, I think it's something you might really want to consider because it's an important aspect of our community...

Chairman Cahill 30:21

I agree.

Legislator Bartels 30:21

... that are facing challenges in housing.

Chairman Donaldson 30:23

What I would suggest that if anybody has any idea that they would like to be appointed, or be considered, send that directly to Fawn. Fawn can organize that, our committee that she does. No, I mean, that that would make sense for me.

Legislator Bartels 30:47

Thank you.

Chairman Cahill 30:50

Any folks on the committee? I see... Just one second. I see Legislator Delaune just came in. I don't know if he had any questions or comments on this real quick.

Legislator Delaune 30:59

I apologize.

Chairman Cahill 31:00

That's okay. That's okay.

Legislator Delaune 31:02

We're still on housing?

Chairman Cahill 31:05

Yes, we are. Yes.

Legislator Delaune 31:07

So, my only question is, I'm hoping that as part of this process, not only is the need identified, but also some of the solutions have been to deal with finance and subsidy and attracting development to our communities.

Chairman Cahill 31:31

Everybody agrees on that. Sure. Okay.

Chairman Cahill 31:35

Legislator Criswell, go ahead.

Legislator Criswell 31:36

Yeah, just a... Chair Donaldson, I just wanted to make sure that the candidate that I sent to you gets passed on to Fawn so that she's put into the mix of this.

Chairman Donaldson 31:47

Could you send that to Fawn, please?

Legislator Criswell 31:52

Sure. I think... Did you have a back and forth with her? Where she sent her resume directly to you though, because she didn't send that to me.

Chairman Donaldson 32:01

I did not see one. But that could be because...

Legislator Criswell 32:06

I will reconnect with her and I will connect her with Fawn.

Chairman Donaldson 32:09

Perfect. Thank you, Pete.

Chairman Cahill 32:13

Any other discussion on this one? Okay.

Chairman Cahill 32:21

Vote all in favor?

Legislator Litts 32:24

Aye.

Legislator Corcoran 32:25

Aye.

Legislator Archer 32:25

Aye.

Legislator Maio 32:25

Aye.

Legislator Delaune 32:25

Aye.

Chairman Cahill 32:25

Aye.

Chairman Donaldson 32:25

Aye.

Legislator Uchitelle 32:25

Aye.

Chairman Cahill 32:26

Opposed? All right, thank you very much.

Chairman Cahill 32:30

All right. So, now we're going to go on to 179, which is Creating Housing Opportunities Throughout The County By Requesting The City Of Kingston Land Bank ("KCLB") Expand Its Jurisdiction Outside Of The City Of Kingston And Promoting The Use Of County Owned Lands For Workforce Housing – Ulster County Planning Department.

Chairman Cahill 32:52

Motion for discussion.

Legislator Delaune 32:57

I'll make the motion.

Chairman Donaldson 32:59

Second it.

Chairman Cahill 33:00

Okay, great. Anybody have any questions about this, or comments?

Chairman Donaldson 33:11

Maybe Evelyn or Dennis could fill us in.

Chairman Cahill 33:14

Yeah, I was just going to ask Dennis to fill us in a little bit.

Dr. Evelyn Wright 33:17

Yeah. So, this is really the formal initiation of a process with the City, with the City Land Bank to talk about what an expanded Land Bank would look like, what kind of arrangements for staffing and funding and board composition it would have. So, this is really requesting that the Executive and the Kingston Land Bank start that process. And then, you know, with a view to making that expansion, if we can agree on a set of arrangements for it, that is agreeable to everybody.

Dr. Evelyn Wright 33:52

And then, the second piece of it is a request that we look at county-owned properties from the view of which of these could be suitable for housing development.

Chairman Cahill 34:05

It kind of goes hand in hand with the previous Resolution actually, right. To give us some sort of stock to work with as we go forward.

Dr. Evelyn Wright 34:11

Yeah. So, it's really starting to move on two of the solutions that we know are worth investigating more deeply.

Chairman Cahill 34:19

Right.

Legislator Uchitelle 34:21

And can I just add to that, you know, this is something well, I think one of the things that's significant about this is that, you know, pulls in the City into the conversation. And they, you know, that's going to be a process. And I'm looking forward to, you know, working with the Mayor to understand where they're at with their, you know, with their Land Bank. And, you know, optimistically, that we can make something happen here. But I think the committee, to Evelyn's point, definitely plays a role in how that all comes together. But hopefully, this will help them start the conversation.

Chairman Cahill 35:02

Yeah. Any other questions? Legislator Archer.

Legislator Archer 35:09

So, can I assume that when you go into, once this gets passed, you'll sit down and carve out the structure, the board, how it's going to operate moving forward? And this is really just the ability to go in and have that conversation and negotiation, correct?

Dr. Evelyn Wright 35:27

Exactly.

Legislator Archer 35:29

Thank you.

Chairman Cahill 35:33

Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels 35:37

Thank you. Because this Resolution says that we're requesting that they expand, not that, you know, that we begin to have the discussion. Will it come back to the Legislature with all the backup documentation in terms of what a new countywide Land Bank in collaboration with the Kingston City, what an expansion would look like? I mean, I'm just trying to... I totally support the idea of a Land Bank and a countywide Land Bank. I just want to understand what how the transition from it being the Kingston City Land Bank to a true countywide land bank would happen.

Chairman Cahill 36:14

It will always be the Kingston City Land Bank, expanded, correct? As I understand it, because there's only so many Land Banks.

Legislator Uchitelle 36:22

It's the only, sorry.

Chairman Cahill 36:24

Go ahead. No, go ahead.

Legislator Uchitelle 36:25

So, there will not be more Land Banks approved by Empire State Development.

Legislator Uchitelle 36:31

So, if there's any Land Bank operating... Like, if there's one Land Bank operating in Ulster County... and that's if it... You know, but I my understanding is that, you know, a lot could change about it. And it might be a County... is what we're talking about is potentially a County Land Bank. And you know, it's worth noting that it's not just our body that this would have to go before, but it's also their body, as well. So, it's complicated.

Dr. Evelyn Wright 36:59

Yeah. There'd be a great deal of formal procedures that we would have to go through to actually do this.

Legislator Bartels 37:05

And can I ask for clarification of what Abe just said. Because I was told that there are a limited number of land banks, but not that we absolutely could not get approval for another land bank.

Dr. Evelyn Wright 37:20

We've been told that it is highly unlikely. That there are only a few slots left and they would not look favorably on another application from Ulster County.

Legislator Bartels 37:29

Oh.

Chairman Donaldson 37:32

Yes, anything that runs through there has to be approved by both the Legislature and the Common Council.

Legislator Uchitelle 37:41

And potentially the existing Land Bank, which is a governance body.

Chairman Donaldson 37:46

Good point Abe.

Chairman Cahill 37:48

And Legislator Criswell just pointed out that they just appointed a new executive director recently. So, that's a good sign. I think because there was some stagnation on that board there for a while. They weren't very active. So, I think this is a good sign and a step in the right direction, right?

Legislator Archer 38:05

Do we know who it is?

Legislator Criswell 38:10

I can't remember his name.

Legislator Uchitelle 38:12

Well, they hired a housing director also this week. So, I'm going to be talking to Steve later this week. And I know the County Executive's office has been in conversation. And those conversations continue, and I'll be sure to report back. But I will say just, you know, for the benefit, not benefit, but just, I do intend, and I think this legislation is, you know, very much in the spirit of the County Executive being the driving force in that conversation, with the Executive from the City side.

Legislator Bartels 38:50

But is it the hope, through these negotiations, to expand the jurisdiction of the Kingston City Land Bank? To actually have it become a countywide Land Bank? That's what I'm reading. Right? So, that would involve everything that Deputy Executive Wright said in terms of a new board. These kinds of things that have to be hammered out through negotiation? How long has the Kingston City Land Bank been in existence or in operation?

Legislator Uchitelle 39:22

It's been about two years now.

Chairman Cahill 39:23

It's not long. Not long at all.

Legislator Uchitelle 39:27

Although it's a long time, considering they haven't put a house on the market.

Chairman Cahill 39:31

Right? They haven't done anything in two years. So, you know, look, just like I said, it to me, you know, this works hand in hand with our initiative to try and solve some of the housing problems in the County. And City of Kingston is a good place to start because that's going to be one of the places where the greatest need will come forward here. Right. So...

Chairman Donaldson 39:51

I think they've made, they've been having a sticking point on how to move without putting in, you know, putting the properties on. And they have been gathering up properties. But like Abe said, they haven't put one on the market yet.

Chairman Cahill 40:06

Right.

Legislator Uchitelle 40:08

And can I also just add, there is a there is a clause here, that is also requesting the County Executive's Office to examine what lands within the County's borders. So, outside of the City, might potentially be applicable to this type of structure. So, this... the best way that's happening in parallel with whether or not we can actually do this. So, we might also hear from the County Executive's Office, and Deputy Executive Wright can tell us perhaps, you know, as we get updates on that part of this. Because there's work to be done on the County Executive side here, as well with that component.

Chairman Cahill 40:51

I think Legislator Criswell, you had your hand up?

Legislator Criswell 40:53

Yeah. I wanted you to know that Kathy Nolan just put it in the chat, his name is Michael [Galleria]. He's the director of Housing Initiatives. He's also the executive director of the Land Bank, so he's holding both those positions.

Legislator Criswell 41:08

Great. Thank you. Legislator Bartels, you had your hand up?

Legislator Bartels 41:12

Yeah. I mean, I listen to Albany County Land Bank has had some pretty remarkable success in it relatively short period of time. And when we're inventorying existing County-owned lands... The way

that's worded, you know, to me, it sounds like the properties that we currently own and operate. Which that changes every time it comes to the tax foreclosure sale. And where they've had great successes in getting residential properties that are put up for tax foreclosure turned around and sold to be developed for lower income housing. So, I mean, I think there's tremendous opportunity here. And I'm definitely looking forward. I just want the confidence it is going to, it will come back to us. And that the [inaudible] but if that's what you're saying is going to happen, I'd be good with that.

Chairman Cahill 42:08

Any other discussion, or comments, or questions?

Chairman Cahill 42:14

Okay, so, all those in favor?

Chairman Cahill 42:16

Aye.

Legislator Maio 42:16

Aye.

Legislator Litts 42:16

Aye.

Legislator Corcoran 42:16

Aye.

Legislator Archer 42:16

Aye.

Legislator Delaune 42:17

Aye.

Legislator Uchitelle 42:18

Aye.

Chairman Donaldson 42:18

Aye.

Chairman Cahill 42:19

Opposed?

Chairman Cahill 42:22

Okay, thank you.

Chairman Cahill 42:24

So, let's do Resolution 180, which is: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Easement Agreement With The City Of Kingston For The Ulster County Midtown Linear Park (PIN 8761.82) In The City Of Kingston – Department Of Planning

Chairman Cahill 42:41

So, movement for discussion, please. Legislator Archer.

Legislator Archer 42:47

I'll move.

Legislator Uchitelle 42:48

I'll second.

Chairman Cahill 42:49

Okay, thank you.

Chairman Cahill 42:52

So, anybody have any questions or comments on this one? I'm assuming this is railroads. Where the railroads used to be, something like that.

Chairman Cahill 43:03

Okay. Anybody opposed to this, or any other comments, or questions?

Chairman Cahill 43:10

All those in favor?

Legislator Maio 43:12

Aye.

Legislator Litts 43:12

Aye.

Legislator Corcoran 43:12

Aye.

Legislator Corcoran 43:12

Aye.

Legislator Archer 43:12

Aye.

Legislator Delaune 43:12

Aye.

Legislator Uchitelle 43:12

Aye.

Chairman Donaldson 43:12

Aye

Chairman Cahill 43:14

Opposed?

Chairman Cahill 43:16

Okay. All right.

Chairman Cahill 43:17

So, I have this other one here. I got one. Oh, well actually, let's do this. So, I'm not quite sure how we do this. But the sponsor of Resolutions 8 and 9 said they're going to withdraw this. So, how do we approach that in this committee? I'm going to look for some guidance from some of the more experienced Legislators on this one.

Chairman Donaldson 43:38

If she said she was withdrawing it, then they're withdrawn.

Chairman Cahill 43:41

Yes. She told me verbally she's withdrawing both eight and nine. Legislator Litts.

Legislator Bartels 43:45

You don't have to take any action.

Legislator Litts 43:46

No, we do not have to take any action.

Chairman Cahill 43:50

Thank you. I will not remember that, but thank you.

Chairman Cahill 43:55

All right. So, we're going to do let's go to...

Legislator Litts 43:56

I'll remind you when I need to.

Chairman Cahill 44:00

Okay, so let's go to Resolution 177, which is: Appointing And Reappointing Members To The Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Board of Directors.

Chairman Cahill 44:09

Do you want to move that to for discussion? Or are we just going to vote yes?

Chairman Cahill 44:12

Yeah, I'll move it.

Chairman Cahill 44:14

Second? A second. No?

Legislator Uchitelle 44:25

[Legislator Uchitelle raised hand on screen].

Chairman Cahill 44:27

Legislator Uchitelle. Thank you.

Chairman Cahill 44:31

For discussion. Anyone?

Legislator Uchitelle 44:38

Yeah, I mean, I think we all... I am. Well, first of all as a point of clarity. We... You know, this is... What exactly are we moving here? Because we're interviewing people, right coming up. So, what exactly is this Resolution with TBDs (To Be Determined)? Is it just that we fill them in as a friendly amendment before it goes to the floor?

Chairman Donaldson 45:06

Yes.

Chairman Cahill 45:08

Exactly. Right.

Legislator Uchitelle 45:09

And so, as another point of information, this is... is this the answer to the question of, would they go before us as a slate, versus as individual Resolutions? And as one Resolution, this would be them going before us as a slate?

Chairman Donaldson 45:28

It really would depend on the interviewing process. At the end of the interviewing process, if we have a pretty strong consensus that these seven people will be there, that it would go that way. But I'm making an assumption that that may not happen. So, there would be seven individuals, right?

Chairman Cahill 45:49

I agree with that.

Chairman Cahill 45:50

Legislator Litts.

Legislator Litts 45:52

This is a little bit like putting the cart before the horse. Why are we taking action on this now, because we haven't even interviewed anybody. So, why don't we just postpone this for a later date? After we know who the committee... Who fleshes out successfully, you know, for the interviews. And do it properly, without having to take the horse around the front again.

Chairman Donaldson 46:24

I think the purpose of this was, so we do not have to have a special meeting of the Legislature to carry out.

Chairman Donaldson 46:33

I mean, it may end up being postponed if we're not finished with the interview process. So, I mean, it's up to the committee how they want to move forward on it.

Chairman Donaldson 46:48

But I think the point was, we wanted to get the IDA board established. You know, now. I mean, rather than later. Our problem is, normally it's been done at this point, in our, you know, during the year. But the COVID thing, of course, creates some problems.

Chairman Donaldson 47:09

And of course, we've had some problems within the IDA. And a number of things that I'm not going to talk about, you know, other than an executive session. About, you know, certain things that took place. So, I mean, that I think that's the purpose of it, but I mean, if, if you want to postpone it, and have that meeting later on. You know, you know, after the regular meeting, and that can be done also. Or, into whatever the pleasure of the committee in the end, wants.

Chairman Cahill 47:47

Right, so the only thing that I would add to that, Dave, would be that, you know, there is a sense of urgency to have our economic development engine in place as soon as possible. Right?

Chairman Cahill 47:59

Where the IDA is going to work with [Inaudible]. It is going to work with the Economic Development Office. It is going to work with, at this point, probably some government agencies from the State and maybe the Federal government, to get the economy moving forward again here.

Chairman Cahill 48:15

And, you know, that would be the only thing that I would say, you know, would be a reason for me to want to pass this Resolution now, and appoint the members at the main meeting. Only because I would love to have these folks in place so they can hit the ground running. When the economic development, other parts of the economic development agencies in the County are ready to roll, right. That's just my opinion.

Chairman Cahill 48:44

Legislator Litts.

Legislator Litts 48:46

Yes, thank you. If we're going to vote on this tonight, I'll be a no. Because, I mean, I think this is a very important decision to make with the IDA. And I think the whole process here is being rushed, like you cannot believe. And to put forth a Resolution to approve a board with no names in it, to me is kind of ridiculous.

Legislator Litts 49:16

If this is that important? Then why don't we have a special meeting before Legislative Session and complete the process? I mean, it... I'm being told this is extremely important, but it's not important enough to have a special meeting? That makes no sense to me. I mean, the [EDA] Board, we're having a special meeting next week, you know, for discussion on some things there.

Chairman Cahill 49:43

No, we I mean, we can have a special meeting. That's up to the Chairman to call a special meeting. That's up to him. Right.

Chairman Donaldson 49:49

Well, that that's basically what I said if you want to have a meeting, we can do that. The purpose was to put a placeholder in there and try to attempt to get this done rather quickly. Now, I understand that... But we have 13 applicants. Two years ago, we only had twelve.

Chairman Cahill 50:11

We have 14 now.

Chairman Donaldson 50:12

We have 14 applicants. We only had 12.

Chairman Cahill 50:15

Right?

Chairman Donaldson 50:16

So, you know that we do have really good members of... You know, really good applicants here. Very impressive applicants. And, as I said, we only had 12 two years ago, we have 14. So, we have applicants. And still, if somebody else wants to throw in the name, we can still try to make a time for the interview.

Chairman Donaldson 50:43

Now, if you want to have a special meeting on that, I don't have a problem with that. I mean, you know, we just do it the week after, or whatever, whatever the case may be, and the monthly meeting. But you know, I think it's imperative to get it done before the following month.

Chairman Donaldson 51:01

You know, particularly in the light, as like Legislator Cahill was pointing out. We're trying to put all these pieces together at the same time. So, we can move forward, to really made Ulster County business friendly.

Chairman Donaldson 51:15

Because we're going to need to. And we're going to have certain opportunities. Every company, probably would never imagine... because of the COVID, we may have some opportunities that... There may be some silver lining there. I hope, anyway. But, regardless, we've got to put all this stuff together.

Chairman Cahill 51:32

Legislator Litts.

Legislator Litts 51:35

I'll make a motion that we postpone this Resolution until we have sufficient content in the Resolution so that we can actually vote on appointing a board.

Legislator Delaune 51:47

I'll second that.

Chairman Cahill 51:50

Okay, all those in favor?

Legislator Archer 51:53

Aye.

Legislator Delaune 51:53

Aye.

Legislator Maio 51:56

Aye.

Legislator Corcoran 51:56

Aye

Legislator Litts 51:56

Aye.

Legislator Uchitelle 51:57

Yeah, by the way, we have a question. Eve has a question. And she's not on video, so she can't we can't see her raising her hand.

Chairman Cahill 52:05

Okay, Legislator Walter, go ahead.

Legislator Walter 52:08

Hi. Thank you. So, I just I recognize my comments aren't specifically about this Resolution. But I do want to, for the record, say a couple of things about this process that I'm really concerned about.

Legislator Walter 52:22

As a freshman Legislator, I had did not know anything about what was going on. Less than a week ago, I was informed this, all of us were informed this was happening, but for some of us, it was the first time.

Legislator Walter 52:36

I had to spend several days just trying to understand what the circumstances were. And I did due diligence by seeking out people who would be strong for this committee. And, I would be extremely disappointed if the candidates that I put forward, or other Legislators are working to put forward, if they don't get their chance to be interviewed. I doubt the people who I had to rush to get resumes, just today, will be available tomorrow.

Legislator Walter 53:08

I also provided... I put work into the list of questions, and I would like to know that, and other people have submitted questions as those have been thought through.

Legislator Bartels 53:19

But so, yes, I find this a very disappointing, this process. And it doesn't allow me to be the good Legislator I try to be. And yes, so...

Chairman Cahill 53:32

Let me answer a couple of your questions.

Chairman Cahill 53:34

First of all, that any candidate that's presented to us, we're going to interview in a timely fashion. If we if we have the candidates, we're going to interview them.

Chairman Cahill 53:42

Second thing is, is that before we leave tonight, we're going to have to whittle down the number of questions we have. I think, I don't know what 16 questions now Deputy Tantillo.

Chairman Cahill 53:54

I'm sorry, you're muted there. You're muted. I'm sorry. I can't hear you.

Legislator Bartels 54:00

Right now, we

Fawn Tantillo 54:01

Right now, we have more than 18 questions.

Chairman Cahill 54:03

Right. We whittle that down. I'm sure some of them are going to overlap a little bit. I was going to ask the committee to, you know, maybe take a look at that tonight, too, as well.

Chairman Cahill 54:11

So, yeah. So, I understand your concern. And you know, we're going to we're going to work to get everybody's voice heard and make sure that anybody that that needs it. And now that this has been postponed, you know, we have a little bit more time. So, we'll work on it, right?

Legislator Walter 54:24

So, you're telling me that there'll be another interview date set so that these other candidates can be interviewed?

Chairman Cahill 54:31

Well, so here's, here's the intention, right. So, if we now have... We have interviews set for tomorrow. Which we're going to go forward with. You know, based on the work that we've done so far, and the commitment that the applicants have, you know, made to us to be there at that time.

Chairman Cahill 54:47

I was also had spoken to Deputy Clerk Tantillo about opening up a second round of interviews for a) the legislators that couldn't be there for these interviews on the committee. Right? And B) if we did get any late ones that we couldn't fit in, right? So, I was looking at actually, trying to do some of those tomorrow night, Thursday rather, or Friday.

Chairman Cahill 55:10

But since this is being postponed, and we really don't know when it's being postponed to, at this point, right? You know, we have time. So, we'll go through all this again, scheduling candidates, getting background and all that again, that's all.

Fawn Tantillo 55:29

We just can't schedule anything tomorrow night. We have... I think you have another meeting. Right?

Chairman Cahill 55:35

Legislator Archer, then Legislator Litts.

Legislator Archer 55:38

Thank you, Chair. I appreciate the urgency of moving forward. What would be really helpful... It was a bit challenging trying to rearrange my schedule to accommodate, to be available for all the interviews, so we're setting up another date. It would really be helpful, at least to get to the Committee, this Standing Committee, a couple of dates so that at least we can try and coordinate. So, you know, we're all trying to work to help meet this need, but it would be helpful to get a little advance notice.

Chairman Cahill 56:17

Certainly.

Legislator Litts 56:19

You made the statement that there's 18 questions. The tally sheets that were given to me only list 15 questions.

Chairman Cahill 56:27

We got more during the meeting, actually.

Legislator Litts 56:30

Okay, I need updated copy. Yeah,

Chairman Cahill 56:32

Yeah. we're going to get that. Fawn's going to get everybody updated list of questions, tonight, right?

Chairman Cahill 56:38

And you know, at some point, we also have to discuss the how the tally sheets were working. When they set up the Zoom meeting, they didn't allow us time to have anything. But, so, we set up to start at nine o'clock and we initially planned on starting at 10 minutes of nine, but we can't do that, now.

Chairman Cahill 57:00

So, what I want to do is just take a few minutes, tonight, to explain how we're going to go through the tally sheet. And I guess we'll wait till we're done with everything else and just take a couple extra minutes.

Chairman Cahill 57:11

Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels 57:15

Thank you. And Legislator Walter has her hand up as well, I just want to say so we don't forget.

Legislator Bartels 57:21

So, one of my comments I could talk about in terms of the process of the interviews, but I just want to also circle back to the issue of how the Resolution, I know it's been postponed, but the fact that the seven, all seven are on the one page. And the question that Legislator Uchitelle asked us to start.

Legislator Bartels 57:41

Traditionally, when we've had these, we've only kept them all on one Resolution, if it's unanimous. Because technically they're separate. They're separate Resolutions, right? They're separate ideas.

Legislator Bartels 57:56

So, I just want this committee to think about the fact that unless we're unanimous in all seven of the appointments, and by unanimous, I mean unanimous across the Legislature, they're going to have to be split out.

Legislator Bartels 58:09

And then we're going to really have to think through how we function if we don't get consensus on the seven members. And who of the sitting members are left to stay or not. I don't think we've ever done this before where we've done a whole board, all at once, in one swoop. So, it just want to point out...

Chairman Cahill 58:33

We're going to end up that way, you know, it's pretty clear.

Chairman Donaldson 58:36

May I respond to that?

Chairman Cahill 58:38

Yeah. Go ahead.

Chairman Donaldson 58:40

The point is, we can split a Resolution, but we cannot combine a Resolution. That's why splitting it in this manner. You can always split it. But you can't combine it. So, it just makes it just made it so it can be done. That's about it.

Chairman Donaldson 59:00

And I'd also want to make a point that typically these appointments are, in other words, they're aired, and they're done by the committee. I've not seen much outreach, out to the outside the committee dealing with the IDA, unless somebody actually took interest in it. So, typically, you know, I've done sort of within the community. And as we point out, there is some urgency to get this accomplished. Somewhat quickly.

Chairman Donaldson 59:41

And I don't know, many of you don't, may not have had the conversations with the Executive Director, or the firm that deals with the IDA, but if you did, it would probably make your sense of urgency a little more. But that would have to be done in Executive Session.

Chairman Cahill 60:10

I think Legislator... go ahead, Legislator Uchitelle. And then. No, Marc. I'll get to you in a second, okay?

Legislator Uchitelle 60:16

I'd like to defer to Eve, and I can speak after.

Chairman Cahill 60:19

Okay. Legislator Walter.

Legislator Walter 60:20

Thank you. Well, I mean, I'll add first, in response to what was just said. You know, perhaps the problems that I've heard about all these years may be due to the fact that this was done just within the committee. And maybe opening it up to more Legislators being involved. This is a very important board. And even though I'm not on this committee, I feel like it's very, you know, I want to be engaged. And I know many other people off of this committee do also.

Legislator Bartels 60:52

And also, since I'm not on the committee, and I don't see the questions and I'm, I can't, I don't get an email. I'm not going to be part of conversation, I'll just say that my take on from an outside perspective and someone who writes questions for a living.

Legislator Bartels 61:08

I several of the questions are really written in a biased way that require that the person fully understand what the IDA does. There's some very smart, useful, intelligent people out there who could serve this IDA very well, who **wouldn't necessarily be able to answer those questions.**

Legislator Bartels 61:28

And so, I just caution you on really finding... making sure the questions are about how they see business development. How they, you know, those kinds of things, rather than asking them things that they wouldn't be able to answer if they weren't already a part of this system. Thanks.

Chairman Donaldson 61:47

Very good point.

Legislator Uchitelle 61:53

Brian, you're still muted.

Chairman Cahill 61:57

I've only be conference calls like this for 20 years. I'm surprised I forgot that. But any other comments or questions on this... has been? Go ahead Legislator Uchitelle.

Legislator Uchitelle 62:09

Yeah, I just... Eve's first point, and the point that she just made are... I just wanted to add my, you know, feelings to those. I mean, I don't think I could say better than she did.

Legislator Uchitelle 62:24

As a freshman Legislator, this is a process that is challenging to understand with the IDA. And the thought of recruiting in such a quick way. Candidates for it. The turnaround on interviewing. I mean,

Legislator Uchitelle 62:42

I realized we're, you know, making some improvements tonight. But I hope that the weeks that follow are handled more deliberately, thoroughly, and thoughtfully, and you know, with a spirit of process. Then, you know, what we've had in the last few days? Because it does feel, it doesn't feel right. How quickly this is moving forward. And I think Legislator Walter said it perfectly. And I just wanted to underscore that.

Chairman Cahill 63:19

Legislator Criswell.

Legislator Criswell 63:20

Yeah, I just wanted to reference an email that I sent to Legislator Cahill regarding a job description. I didn't see any sort of a description for this position. And it really surprised me because I've sat on boards before and there's usually some sort of little description of like, here's the duties that you're being asked to do. So, I was just really surprised because I want to be a part of trying to figure out who would be on this board as well. But I feel like I don't have anything you can really hold on to. To send to somebody and say, this is the criteria. This is what we're looking for. This is what we're asking you do. So, I don't know if there's anything like that even available, but...

Chairman Cahill 63:58

I thought I replied to you. The outline from the...

Legislator Criswell 64:03

But that was not any...

Chairman Cahill 64:06

That's what it is.

Legislator Criswell 64:08

That was not a job description. it was not a position description in any way shape or form.

Chairman Cahill 64:11

Right? I understand fully. I agree with you and I tried to find it. And that's, that's what we're about to come up with was that. You know, just kind of like a guide as to who should be on these boards, right? What parts of the community should be represented. There was no criteria as to what the qualifications or background or anything like that for board members is, right.

64:32

It's such an important position that there should be something that's in writing saying here's what we need.

Chairman Cahill 64:38

I agree with you. Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels 64:43

Thank you. I want to say that I also very much agree with Legislator Walter's comments. particularly as they relate to the existing questions. You know, it almost sounds like a quiz to see what these people know about the existing IDA rather than to get an understanding of who these people are, and what their backgrounds, and what they could bring to the board.

Legislator Bartels 65:09

The questions that Legislator Walter added and some of the other new ones, I think, are more to that kind of open-ended conversation where you're actually getting to learn about the board members. And I spoke with Legislator Cahill, about this about the opportunity, at least for the committee members, however, the chair of the committee wants to do it, but at least for the committee members to be able to ask follow-on questions and get to know the candidates through the interview process, which I think is really important.

Legislator Bartels 65:39

The other thing I want to point out is that these questions are, are really clearly, I mean, I think most of the old ones should go but these questions are really clearly for new people.

Legislator Bartels 65:52

A whole different set of questions would need to be asked I think of the existing board members, who are all candidates, and to talk to each of them about their experience on the board, what's working, what's not, etc. and that's not been addressed either. I'm not sure... If you feel you'll be ready for tomorrow with that, but I think these questions do need a lot of work.

Chairman Cahill 66:16

I just want to make a point that the questions that we started with where the questions that were used the last time that the Legislature, and many of you folks were on that Legislature, gave the IDA, to the committee to ask. And that's the basis...

Legislator Bartels 66:29

I complained about them then. Just to be on the record. I said that was an issue then.

Chairman Cahill 66:34

Okay. And we're going to adjust to get like I said, we are going to ask the committee to look at those questions and pare it down a little bit and, you know, rearrange it and we'll try and do it.

Chairman Cahill 66:45

Legislator Archer.

Legislator Archer 66:47

Yeah. And those questions were at a point in time, and they kept getting reused. We had a number of times had some discussion around them. And they just, at that point never got changed. So, I agree. I don't think that they're relevant to where we're at today and what we're trying to accomplish. And some of the newer ones have more immediate impact.

Chairman Cahill 67:11

And just, I just want to also state that, I think we got two questions before today, to be added to the list, before today. We only were supplied two questions by Legislator Bruno from Saugerties. Other than that, no one else has questions before that.

Chairman Cahill 67:26

So, go ahead Legislator Litts.

Legislator Litts 67:28

So, I just wanted to add to Lynn Archer's statement. Yes, back then, it seemed like we're rushing the process, kind of like we're doing today.

Chairman Cahill 67:46

So, Legislator Donaldson. I think we're going to wrap this up because we do have other things we want to talk about.

Chairman Donaldson 67:51

Right. And what's so odd about it is, two years ago, they rushed the process using the existing questions. And very there was very little input from outside the committee. Just so you understand that. And the

questions were used two years ago. And then, I think they made that very similar questions two years before that.

Chairman Donaldson 68:17

So, you may think we're rushing the process, and maybe we are. But we are actually making more inclusion, than has been done in the past.

Chairman Cahill 68:29

So, with that said, I just want to just review really quickly for the interview, for the committee members, and anyone who was on the committee that would like to leave, feel free.

Chairman Cahill 68:41

But tomorrow, we'll be giving tally sheets and we're going to base our results on the interviews on a one-to-10 scale, giving the candidate a higher score as we go up. And then we'll use those numbers to determine who the candidates will be.

Chairman Cahill 69:01

Fawn has already sent out the revised list of questions. And I really think that if we have 18 questions. And we have, how many candidates now? 14 total candidates, 18 questions, You know, it's going to be...

Fawn Tantillo 69:21

But you only have 20 minutes to interview each person, so...

Legislator Archer 69:25

It's going to take days and days to ask 18 questions, is my point. So, I think that we should really take a look at those questions. And actually, you know, rate the questions that you have, and then we'll limit it to, you know, the top, say, whatever what's on there now, seven questions? Whatever it whatever it was. Maybe we do that, I don't know. I mean, because you know, you we can really drag this thing out as long as we want. If we want just, you know, keep doing all that.

Legislator Litts 69:54

Currently, there's 15 questions.

Fawn Tantillo 70:01

The revised list has 18 questions.

Chairman Cahill 70:05

Fawn just sent out during the meeting, Legislator Litts.

Legislator Archer 70:08

Can I... Dave, whatever questions...

Legislator Litts 70:12

Having seven questions? It's 15.

Chairman Cahill 70:15

I mean, right.

Legislator Litts 70:17

Now it's 18. There never was a time when there were only seven questions.

Chairman Cahill 70:21

Oh, the original one had 15 questions.

Chairman Cahill 70:25

That doesn't seem right.

Fawn Tantillo 70:26

The original one had 13 questions.

Chairman Cahill 70:28

Thirteen. So., we have five more. Right. So, let's, you know, how many do you guys want to ask? You know, I mean, it's up to you. I mean, that's, that's a lot of questions.

Chairman Donaldson 70:40

I mean, I think you need to get it down to...

Chairman Cahill 70:42

I just want to make one more point. By the way, we also ask each candidate to supply a written response to the questions, as well. So, we will have a written response to each question.

Fawn Tantillo 70:55

By Friday.

Chairman Cahill 70:56

Yeah, right. So, there's that, you know.

Chairman Cahill 71:03

Go ahead. Legislator Donaldson, you had a question, or no?

Chairman Donaldson 71:11

No, I was just saying, I mean, even 13 questions are too much. The way I look at it, I mean, I think we can get to the point without 13 questions. But, I mean, does anybody have any suggestions on shortening these? And in fact, perhaps there are people in our office, we have some people there, they may be able to help minimize the questions down a little bit. But you know, work on getting those down to a decent number. So, we can get through an interview so, you're not, you know, making somebody feel like they're sticking needles in their eyes.

Chairman Cahill 71:57

Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels 72:00

I don't know if you were in the committee want to go through, you know, question by question and try to whittle it down. But I just have one, maybe simple one. And it's a question... the question regarding felony. I know we have a new Executive, but Mike Hein had issued an Executive Order within a box prohibiting us from asking that question on any prospective employee. I imagine it would apply to boards. It no longer stands because he's no longer eExecutive. But is there something in that, it's the idea that's requiring us to ask that question? In terms of the felony?

Chairman Cahill 72:39

I think that was proposed today, wasn't it that?

Legislator Bartels 72:42

No, it was on the original list.

Chairman Cahill 72:45

Yeah, so, I don't know that answer.

Legislator Bartels 72:47

Maybe we could find out if there's some legal reason. Otherwise, I would propose removing that question.

Chairman Donaldson 72:55

I would second that. Why don't we run that by the attorney?

Legislator Bartels 73:01

Yeah, I mean, I think it's just very off-putting. And when people, you know, serve their time, you know, we're not allowed to discriminate based on that. So, why are we asking it?

Fawn Tantillo 73:13

Eve sent us a revised list of questions where she had a preamble, and then she had it narrowed down to eight questions. I think I've sent that to all of you, but I'm, I'm just trying to look now. I can just read them off. Many of them are questions we asked before, but they're reworded.

Fawn Tantillo 73:34

The first one is: Why are you interested in serving on the IDA?

Fawn Tantillo 73:38

The second one is: What experience do you have that will assist you in this role?

Fawn Tantillo 73:44

Third: what can you feel are the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats to our County in bringing business to Ulster County?

Fawn Tantillo 73:52

Why do you feel some priority areas? What do you feel are some priority areas for business development in our County?

Fawn Tantillo 73:59

Number five: What ideas do you have regarding how the IDA could best work with the County and municipal government?

Fawn Tantillo 74:07

Six: Are there times the IDA must there are times the IDA must make unpopular decisions to follow state law and idea guidelines, discussing the experience you have with this type of policy driven decision making?

Fawn Tantillo 74:21

Seven: Have you ever been convicted of a crime? Which we were just going to take out.

Fawn Tantillo 74:25

And eight: Is there anything that the Commission has not asked that you feel we should know?

Chairman Donaldson 74:35

Pretty damn good.

Chairman Cahill 74:38

I agree. I think Legislator Walter should be the official question-writer from here on in.

Chairman Donaldson 74:45

She's hired.

Chairman Cahill 74:49

So, let me just poll the committee really quickly. Do you guys feel like that's a sufficient list of questions to put out there tomorrow?

Chairman Cahill 74:57

Legislator Litts.

Legislator Litts 74:58

There is one question that has been eliminated. Don't we want to know if there's anybody that has financial interest in any company that may come before the IDA so we can eliminate conflict of interest even before they even start?

Chairman Cahill 75:13

Yes, I think that's a good point.

Legislator Uchitelle 75:14

Yeah. We should definitely ask that.

Chairman Cahill 75:19

Yeah. That should be question number one, actually, right?

Legislator Litts 75:24

Actually, yeah. Because if he says, yes, we don't even have to continue that interview.

Legislator Uchitelle 75:29

We get 19 minutes back.

Legislator Litts 75:31

Yeah.

Group members 75:36

Group laughter.

Chairman Cahill 75:36

So, let's get let's get back to the committee. How do you guys feel about that? Do you want to take a few minutes? But let's, let's say this, you heard a question. Do you feel like that's a good list of questions to ask?

Chairman Cahill 75:46

And then, we have all the other questions, and maybe we can just take a look at it tonight. And if you feel like there's one more that you want to add, or something else that you want to add. Or, you know, maybe just send it off, and we'll include in the morning. How does that sound?

Legislator Delaune 76:03

Seems fair.

Chairman Donaldson 76:05

Seems fair.

Chairman Cahill 76:06

But I would like Monday night, I think. I think they all hit the nail on the head and makes me. I'd like to have more concise questions then rather than 18, that's for sure.

Chairman Cahill 76:23

Right. I agree. And I think that the questions that Legislator Walter presented will, you know, capture the spirit of what we're trying to, you know, put it on the board, right? I feel like, anyway.

Chairman Cahill 76:37

Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels 76:44

And I just want to thank Legislator Walter for doing that so quickly. But also, to acknowledge that last question. Because, you know, I've conducted a lot of interviews in my life, and that last question, I've

learned more from a question like that, then anything that was in the canned list of questions. Because that's where you can get to know actually the candidate. So, I think I think it's done. So, it's a great a list.

Chairman Cahill 77:14

Legislator Archer.

Legislator Archer 77:16

Yeah. We may want to think of a question that is more specific to current board members. That I think would help maybe get some things going with them. So, that was the one thing that I thought about. I just hadn't thought of a question. But something that would engage them in a different way. If there is there anything, I mean, because they've done a lot of things over the last couple of years in in changing [UTEP] and improving processes and procedures there.

Legislator Archer 77:47

We may not like all of the things that have occurred there, but there's been some really good things. So, maybe it's even a question of, you know, with all the accomplishments, was there any one thing that you didn't do that you wanted to? Or, how can how can we improve the IDA? If there was one thing you could identify that would improve the process, What would it be? So, as a way of gleaning something from those that have been doing this for a while.

Chairman Cahill 78:14

Right, so, that would obviously only be asked of the siting board members.

Legislator Archer 78:18

Exactly.

Chairman Cahill 78:21

That's a good point. Yeah.

Fawn Tantillo 78:25

I'll put together the questions and take out the criminal felony question and try to work in something that Lynn was just saying. And I'll send that to all of you, including Tracy, and Peter, and other people, and Eve. And maybe you can hash it out. You know, you have a chance to look at it. When you first you know, before the morning.

Legislator Archer 78:53

May I also make one more suggestion. I saw the spreadsheet with all the information, is there a way just for saving my eyes, that we could break it down into three separate sheets of paper? So that the questions are bigger next to it because it's kind of hard to read the way it is right now.

79:17

My printer will let me divide it into three pages. So, I will when I get it finalized, I will make PDFs of each of each page.

Legislator Archer 79:26

Perfect.

Fawn Tantillo 79:31

We may have four pages now with the added. Yeah, I may be adding a couple more candidates if they can...

Legislator Archer 79:38

Right. But it would be much easier. Thank you. I know this has been a tall task. So, thank you for the work and coordinating all of our schedules.

Chairman Cahill 79:51

Okay, anybody got any...

Chairman Donaldson 79:54

Other questions for the existing members? Are we just going to have about four or five questions for them, more or less? What's working? What's not working?

Chairman Cahill 80:11

I think we asked them the same questions. We're asking everyone else with the exception of the one that Legislator Archer proposed, which is what would you do to improve the IDA? Something like that, right. You know, what's working, what's not working? And what would you do to improve it? Right?

Chairman Cahill 80:28

Otherwise, I think, you know, I want to have two completely different sets of questions for the candidates, right? Because we want to be able to judge them fairly. It's like comparing apples to oranges then, right?

Chairman Cahill 80:39

And so, if we have a list where everyone's asked during answering the same questions, and we're going to judge on those lists, on that on those questions, for each candidate, they should be very close. Right?

Legislator Archer 80:50

The exception of the one I think that I think you can get away with it, I think it's relevant. The other questions are just as relevant to members, existing members, as to new members.

Chairman Cahill 81:01

Right? I agree.

Fawn Tantillo 81:02

Kind of open ended, we might learn, like that last question. We may learn something if we just open the door to an existing member. Tell us what works and what doesn't work.

Chairman Cahill 81:16

Okay.

Chairman Donaldson 81:17

So, you're saying that question will take the place of the other question that goes toward everybody else? The open-ended question is what, what works, what doesn't work, and you know, what can you do to improve?

Fawn Tantillo 81:33

But I, and I think he may still want to ask that last question. So, I think it would just be one extra question for existing members. That's how I understood it.

Chairman Cahill 81:41

Right. That's what I understood too. And so, David, when Fawn sends the email out tonight, if you have any other questions about how...

Chairman Donaldson 81:47

Okay.

Chairman Cahill 81:48

If you feel like that last two should be looked differently, then we'll do that, okay?

Chairman Donaldson 81:53

Yep.

Chairman Cahill 81:54

Okay.

Chairman Cahill 81:56

Anybody got anything else?

Chairman Cahill 82:00

Okay, I just want to say thank you for your patience through all this. And I know that we work, we work kind of pushing a little bit here. And the idea was to try and get this done to, you know, work in conjunction with all the other economic development activity that's going to be taking place in the next, you know, four to six to eight weeks, whatever it is. And I would still like to adhere to that. Okay. So, whatever we can do to make that work, I would appreciate the committee's cooperation and trying to get that to that end. Okay? Thank you.

Chairman Cahill 82:36

Legislator Archer.

Legislator Archer 82:37

Yeah, I just I joined the UCEDA (Ulster County Economic Development Agency) call today because I had seen on the note that there, they were proposing a small business program. And you may want to share, at least get a copy of this out to everyone because I thought it was something that they should know about and be able to communicate to small businesses. is in their area.

Chairman Cahill 83:01

Yeah. So, I'll forward that to the committee. And Legislator Litts you know, I guess we can get it to your caucus. I'll make sure that it gets our caucus. Okay. Anybody else have anything?

Legislator Litts 83:14

Looking for adjournment then.

Chairman Cahill 83:17

Second? Dave.

Chairman Donaldson 83:20

I just want to say something before I second that.

Chairman Donaldson 83:24

You know, I do apologize. And I put this Resolution in kind of quickly. But I did it... I'm apologizing, but not apologizing, to save time. Because I knew I had to get this done.

Chairman Donaldson 83:36

If didn't put it in. It would have been put off for another month. And I spoke with Legislator Cahill. And him and I agreed, we had to push this otherwise and be put off for another month. And I apologize for having to do that. But I just felt it was a necessity.

Chairman Donaldson 83:54

And I'll second that motion to adjourn.

Chairman Cahill 83:59

Okay, thank you, everyone. We'll see you tomorrow.