

COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL
AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS
MEETING MINUTES

Aug 19, 11:30 A.M. Delphi Falls County Park

Supervisor	Present	Absent	Late	Time In
MOSES	X			
Ostrander		X		
Jones		X		
Magliocca	X			
Stokes	X			

PRESENT:

Committee: **Cliff Moses**, Joe Magliocca, and TJ Stokes

Absent: Joe Ostrander, and Dave Jones

County Staff: Ellen Bowe, Melissa Martel Felton, Samantha Field, Kipp Hicks, Scott Ingmire, Jamie Kowalczyk, Stefan Lutter, Jim Petreszyn, Larkin Podsiedlik, Mark Scimone, Pete Walrod, Gwen Williamson and Bill Zupan.

Meeting was called to order at 11:55 A.M. by Moses.

A-1: The July 22, 2021 minutes were approved on a **MOTION** by Moses and seconded by Stokes at 11:55 A.M. 3/0/0

A-2: Cindy Edick provided the printed Sales Tax Report. The 2021 increase over 2020 is 25.54%.

A-3: Ingmire shared the Treasurer / Real Property Update provided by Becky Marsala. There are 61 properties currently slated for auction. The auction will be online from September 14 through the 16th.

A-4: Ellen Bowe presented the Career Center Update. The Madison County unemployment rate is 4.9%. The Summer Youth Employment Program had 43 participating youth and resulted in three of them being hired to stay on at the locations where they had worked. The Career Center is increasing awareness and presence in the community by participating in a Canastota school event, and **Tuesdays in the Park**. The virtual job fair on August 11 had 5 businesses and 63 job seekers. The next scheduled job fair is October 7, 2021. There was discussion regarding posting the list of job openings on the County website. Samantha will look into it. Ingmire announced that Jenny Buckley has accepted a new position and is no longer working for the Career Center.

A-5: Kipp Hicks provided the IDA Update. IDA is following up on a lead from Empire State Development with a yogurt company. Kipp attended a tour of the All Seasonings Company, which has increased their employees to 85 and is operational. IDA is working with Cantech on a development grant. IDA has sent letters of support for CFA applicants. The JD Farms hemp summit was informational and well attended. Harbor Lights may be pursuing funding to expand. The IDA is actively seeking a good fit for the plastics-to-energy project at the ARE Park.

A-6: The CCE Update was presented by Larkin Podsiedlik. Larkin introduced herself as the acting interim executive director of CCE and gave a short bio on her experience. She started in July: is currently working three days a week (Tues-Thurs) and indicated that her hat will be in the ring for permanent placement. The Ag. Economic Development position just became available with three applications already received. The new Finance Coordinator starts in September. Open Farm Day was small this year but went well. The reports will be prepared and presented soon. Grants currently in process are the Ag. Business Center in the basement, and the Curbside at Cornell Project (changing shape, but not dead).

A-7: Ingmire presented the Tourism Update provided by Scott Flaherty. Travel is rebounding somewhat but the Delta COVID strain affects it. Summer ads are still running on media, print and digital. The Fall Campaign will be expanded due to an increase of occupancy tax received. Advertising is extensive locally and state wide. It is Antique Week right now.

A-8: Scott Ingmire presented the Planning Update. Scott presented an overview of the work that is currently underway regarding the trails, parking area and ADA compliancy at Delphi Falls County Park. Maps and plans for the trails were shared and brief discussions held regarding future possibilities for the entire site. Ingmire reviewed available funding and the tentative time-line for bidding things out.

-Break for refreshment-

Scott and Samantha presented an update of the Madison Local Eats program. The first round is coming to a close and was quite successful. Final reports to come, but the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive from businesses and residents. There will be a second round to launch in October for the holiday gift season. C & D Advertising was a phenomenal help getting the first round going quickly and efficiently. They will be building the next campaign on the Buy Local page of the Madison County Website.

A-10: Following discussion the Committee authorized the Chairman to enter into a modification agreement with C & D Advertising on a **MOTION** by Stokes and seconded by Magliocca at 1:13 P.M. 3/0/0

Scott continued his report with a review and explanation of the proposed 2022 Planning Budget

A-9: Following discussion the Committee reviewed and authorized the moving forward of the resolution authorizing the modification of the 2021 Adopted County Budget (ARPA) on a MOTION by Stokes and seconded by Magliocca at 1:22 P.M. 3/0/0

A-11: The Madison Local Eats / C & D Advertising resolution will be included in the preferred agenda.

A-12: There is no new business at this time.

A-13: The next scheduled Planning Committee meeting is September 23 at 11:00 AM in the Supervisors' Chambers

A-146: The meeting was adjourned on a **MOTION** by Magliocca and seconded by Stokes at 1:24 P.M.

Respectfully submitted: Gwen Williamson