

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

March 18, 2021– 11:00 A.M. Supervisors' Chambers

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

PRESENT: (Attended via zoom unless noted with *)

Committee: **Cliff Moses**, Joe Ostrander*, Dave Jones, Joe Magliocca, and TJ Stokes

County Staff: Ellen Bowe, Karin Bump, Cindy Edick, , Melissa Martel Felton, Samantha Field, Scott Flaherty, Kipp Hicks, Scott Ingmire*, Jamie Kowalczk, Myron Thurston, and Gwen Williamson*

Meeting was called to order at 11:02 A.M. by Moses.

A-1: The Feb 21, 2021 minutes were unanimously approved on a **MOTION** by Jones and seconded by Magliocca at 11:03 A.M. 5/0/0

A-2: Cindy Edick presented the Sales Tax Update. Following the March 15 2021 distribution, the overall numbers are 1.35% below last year. There was a state withholding amount that influenced the total, without which there would have been a 3% increase over last year.

A-3: Cindy Edick presented the Treasurer / Real Property Update for Becky Marsala. Many 2019 payments are coming in, possibly due to people having received their stimulus checks. Moses mentioned an article regarding short-term rentals. Cindy commented on the NYSAC report regarding AIM funding changes (Aid and Incentives for Municipalities), stating that it could be good news for Madison County.

A-4: Ellen Bowe presented the Career Center Update. The Madison County Unemployment Rate is 5.8%. There are many jobs available, but not a lot of job seekers. The Department of Labor staff has not yet returned to the Career Center in over a year. The process is beginning for the 2021 Summer Youth Employment Program, which has a tentative start date of July 6 and runs for four weeks. Karin offered to work with Ellen in order to set up a webinar or online site to promote and post job listings among the Ag community.

A-5: Kipp Hicks presented the IDA Update. Topics mentioned include: working on the Public Authority Reports, a PILOT agreement with Meyers Creek Brewing almost complete, anticipated closing with Superior Metals, financing of a renovation project through CRC and ongoing conversations with MC Distillery and others.

A-7: Scott Flaherty presented the Tourism Update. Winter ad campaigns are coming to a close while the summer ads will start next week promoting the outdoors: hiking, camping and kayaking. NYS is developing an AP called the Excelsior Pass. This AP would digitally connect health records/vaccination records with the end-users to streamline entrance into events requiring this information. Flaherty noted that the Governor's short-term rental bill was not included in the recent packets that went before the Assembly and Senate. Tourism is helping with a new project, the New York Southern Tier Water Trail Project, which is intended to promote and conserve waterways. Scott said that Jamie Kowalczk is also working on this project.

A-6: Karin Bump and Myron Thurston presented the CCE Update. Karin noted that Craig from CCE moved the Chenango CCE. Tess Southern was promoted as the 4-H lead, and there is an Ag position open. Tess is working on partnering with the Ag. Disaster Management Team. CCE promoted Ag. Literacy Week last week by reading to 1500 elementary school children. Due to indications that the NYS Fair will be taking place this year CCE is preparing for it while making contingency plans in case it has to be scaled back due to COVID again. CCE is looking into getting involved in a Climate Work Program, more info to follow. Surveys and the annual report went out to the Supervisors.

Myron Thurston reported that many farmers are participating in the trainings. April trainings include Agritourism During COVID-19 and a course on marketing. Karin and Myron are working with the Solar Energy Program Work Team on “training the trainers” style method of getting information out pertaining to solar energy. Ashley from the office is working on a new project concerning energy conservation in homes. Myron reminded that Round 2 of the Paycheck Protection Program ends on the 31st. He will be happy to help applicants if needed. Applications need to be in by end of the week.

A-8: Scott Ingmire presented the Planning Update. Thirty or more resumes were received for the vacant planner position so far. Jamie is working on the Canal Revitalization Project, which she will discuss in more detail when we do resolutions. Stefan is working on the electric vehicle charging station, which should be breaking ground soon. Jim is working on finalizing the snowmobile season. There is an RFP in effect for an Architecture and Design Firm to help with the Delphi Falls conceptual plan; to be funded by the DSNY grant from Senator May. The Delphi Bridge/Parking/Trails project is progressing with funding from the NYS Parks grant.

A-9: The resolution authorizing the modification of the 2021 adopted budget – Snowmobile Trail Maintenance was unanimously *approved* on a **MOTION** by Stokes and seconded by Magliocca at 11:30 A.M. 5/0/0

A-10: The resolution authorizing submission of a grant application to NYS Office of Community Renewal-CACDA was unanimously *approved* on a **MOTION** by Jones and seconded by Ostrander at 11:33 A.M. 5/0/0

A-11: Following an overview provided by Jamie Kowalczyk, the resolution extending an agreement with NYS for the Old Erie Canal Local Waterfront Revitalization Program was unanimously *approved* on a **MOTION** by Magliocca and seconded by Stokes at 11:38 A.M. 5/0/0

A-12: Following background information provided by Scott Ingmire, the resolution authorizing signing an agreement with the CNY Regional Planning and Development Board to administer a Local Waterfront revitalization Program Grant for Oneida Lake was unanimously *approved* on a **MOTION** by Jones and seconded by Magliocca at 11:42 A.M. 5/0/0

A-13: The above resolutions are to be included in the preferred agenda on a **MOTION** by Moses and seconded by Jones at 11:42 A.M. 5/0/0.

A-14: New Business: Dave Jones stressed the importance of following up on the solar issue Myron mentioned earlier. Renewable energy is very important, but so is agriculture and we need to keep pushing to protect our land for sustainable food resources.

A-15 Next meeting date is April 22, 2021 at 11:00 A.M.

A-16: The meeting was adjourned on a **MOTION** by Magliocca and seconded by Stokes at 11:45 A.M.

Respectfully submitted: Gwen Williamson