

**Planning, Economic Development,
Environmental and Intergovernmental Affairs
Wednesday, February 22, 2023 @ 11:00 AM
Chambers**

MINUTES

11:00 AM Call Meeting to Order

Meeting was called to order by Pinard at 11:04 A.M.

Committee Members Present: Joseph Pinard, Joe Wicks, Joe Magliocca, Eve Ann Schwartz, and Ronda Winn.

Others Present: Ellen Bowe, Emily Burns, Cindy Edick, Samantha Field, Scott Flaherty, Kipp Hicks, Scott Ingmire, Jamie Kowalczk, Keith Lummis, Larkin Podsiedlik, and Gwen Williamson.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Joe Wicks to Approve January 25, 2023 minutes. Second by Joe Magliocca. The motion was Passed.

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Department and Agency Reports

1. Sales Tax Update

Cindy Edick presented the Sales Tax Update.

The actual sales tax receipts as of February 13, 2023 are up 15.31% over 2022. Edick said this is a very good start.

2. Real Property Update

Cindy Edick presented the Real Property Update.

The tax collections are going strong. Work has begun on the next auction.

3. Career Center Update

Ellen Bowe presented the Career Center Update.

December 2022 unemployment rate is 3.1% for Madison County. There were 1000 people actively looking for work and 600 people were collecting unemployment benefits at that time. The total civilian

labor force was at 32,600 in December. NYS DOL reported a labor force participation rate for the State and some downstate area at 59% of population. The Career Center is looking to hire a full time Youth Coordinator and a part time Transportation Aide. Ellen announced a new measure for funding at 50% of customers being low income or receiving a form of welfare benefits. A security button will be installed at the entry door of the center.

There was some discussion regarding the closure of Cazenovia College and the anticipated employment impact. NYS DOL is going to handle 500 or more positions.

4. IDA Update

Kipp Hicks presented the IDA Update.

The paperwork is signed and will be filed to complete the land transfer of the International Boxing Hall of Fame from the Thruway Authority to the IDA - who will sell it to the IBHOF at no cost. This will allow them to expand their operations, increase visibility from Thruway, and increase foot traffic. The Caz Barns housing project hasn't yet closed, but the IDA has approved sales tax and mortgage recording tax benefits (no PILOT). The Alliance Apartment project received approval for tax breaks to allow the Lake Street Schoolhouse in Chittenango to be repurposed into apartments and/or commercial uses. NY Forward selected Village of Hamilton's downtown redevelopment plan for a \$2.25MM grant. The City of Oneida is devising a business assistance program for existing and new startup businesses in the downtown area. NYS Housing and Community Renewal has allocated \$600,000 in funding to support this grant program.

5. CCE Update

Larkin Podsiedlik presented the CCE Update.

Programming this year has included the following: Advance Beekeeping, Poultry Production, Apple Pruning, Crop Planning for Vegetables and the monthly Beginning Farmer Discussion Group. A workshop with Solid Waste about Commercial and Farm-Scale Composting by Greg Gelewski was very well attended. Direct technical assistance requests mostly focused on crop planning and scheduling, transitioning of products, business management and referrals. The Ag Business Center is fully stocked with equipment including microscopes for examining soil and compost, as well as photography equipment for use in marketing. The new AED position has not produced enough viable candidates to move forward yet. There is a posting on the website, please share and help get the word out. In 4-H news, 160 youth were reached in January, in and

out of school. Youth competed in Public Presentations and are preparing for CNY Livestock Rodeo, Horse Bonanza and Dairy Quiz Bowl (regional and state level competitions). Ag Lit Week is March 20-24. There is a new school-based program called Safety day planned for the spring. Open Farm Day sponsorship requests were sent, and there is a meeting on March 7. Open Farm Day will be July 29, 2023. There was discussion regarding the strategic plan survey.

Pinard asked about animal refuse composting as it pertains to bird flu issues to which Larkin said that she is not seeing a problem in Madison County but will get him the contact information.

6. Tourism Update

Scott Flaherty presented the Tourism Update.

The February Occupancy Tax receipts are 12.9% over 2022, 24.5% over the 3-year average, and 30.1% over the 5-year average. The membership drive is happening now. The annual meeting will be April 13, 2023. In marketing, the winter ads are winding down and spring ads will begin soon. Updates to the website continue and will launch soon. Elise participated in the American Bus Association's Marketplace where she partnered with Oneida County Tourism and had 41 appointments with tour operators. Upcoming events include: Maple Syrup Celebration at Critz Farm on March 17 and 18; "Spring" Into Arts & Crafts at Greystone Castle on March 25 and 26; and various live music at YBR Sports Book & Casino.

7. Planning Update

Scott Ingmire presented the Planning Update.

Scott has a phone call following this meeting regarding the CARES Act CDBG funding for small businesses who are reopening and restarting after suffering affects of the coronavirus pandemic. Planning is working on comprehensive plans for Canastota, Lincoln, Fenner and Georgetown. Delphi Falls Park will be closed until March 1st due to drilling happening on site. The building design is moving right along with state codes submitted and renderings. Phase I anticipated completion is May/June 2023. Phase II will require opening one side of the park while closing the other. This will require coordinated timing to ensure the least amount of disruption as possible. Planning will pursue filling the planner position left empty when Jim Petreszyn retired; advertising for this position to begin in March. There will be resolution regarding LeChase Construction Management Services Company for day to day contractor coordination of Delphi Falls Phase II. John Regan recommends this company and he has a good working record with them. Scott Ingmire is to complete the resolution for site

coordination, not to exceed \$181,000 for the Delphi Falls Phase II project by LeChase Construction Management Services Company. Following discussion, the vote recorded in anticipation of this resolution was: Motion by Wicks, seconded by Magliocca and all were in favor at 11:45 A.M. 5/0/0.

8. MCPLUS Update

Joseph Pinard presented the MCPLUS Update.

ReConnect meeting was held last week. Huts are ordered and 20kw generators are being procured; each with capacity for approximately 50 gallons of fuel. The pole attachment agreements are with the attorneys. There was a call with Regional Planning and NY State regarding Broadband.

Resolutions:

1. Authorizing an agreement with the New York Power Authority

The resolution pertains to the Savarino company and extends the grant contract for the Canastota Pocket Neighborhood Project. Motion by Eve Ann Shwartz to authorize an agreement with the New York Power Authority. Second by Joe Magliocca. The motion was Passed.

2. Authorizing Chairman to Enter into an Agreement between the Oswego County Soil and Water District and Madison County

Motion by Joe Wicks to authorize Chairman to enter into an agreement between the Oswego County Soil and Water District and Madison County. Second by Joe Magliocca. The motion was Passed.

3. Adopting the Inclusion of Certain Parcels of Predominantly Agricultural Land in Certified Agricultural Districts

Motion by Eve Ann Shwartz to Adopt the inclusion of certain parcels of predominately agricultural land in certified agricultural districts. Second by Ronda Winn. The motion was Passed.

4. Urging New York State to return Home Rule Authority to localities for the siting of all wind and solar energy systems that was taken away under the Accelerated Renewable Energy Growth and Community Benefit Act and Regulations under 94-C of the Executive Law

Motion by John Pinard to urge New York State to return Home Rule Authority to localities for the siting of all wind and solar energy systems that was taken away under the Accelerated Renewable Energy Growth and Community Benefit Act and regulations under 94-C of the Executive Law. Second by Ronda Winn. The motion

was Passed.

5. Authorizing a contract with Lechase for the Delphi Falls County Park construction Project

Motion by Joe Wicks to authorize a contract with LeChase for the Delphi Falls County Park Construction Project. Second by Joe Magliocca. The motion was Passed.

Other Committee Business

There is no new business.

Preferred Agenda

It was the consensus of the Committee to allow any eligible resolution from today's meeting to be added to the preferred agenda. All resolutions were voted on and approved by the Committee.

Next Meeting:

The next schedule Planning Committee meeting is March 29, 2023 in the Supervisors' Chambers at 11:00 A.M.

Adjourn

Respectfully submitted as the final minutes to be recorded by Gwen Williamson, with a grateful heart and a friendly wave.. carry on Madison County.

Motion by Joe Magliocca to adjourn. Second by John Pinard. The motion was Passed.

**Madison County
Sales Tax Distributions
Actual Cash Receipts**

<u>Distribution Date</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>%</u>
February 7	\$2,135,685	\$2,518,274	\$382,589	17.91%
February 13	<u>509,931</u>	<u>532,314</u>	<u>22,383</u>	<u>4.39%</u>
Total	<u><u>\$2,645,616</u></u>	<u><u>\$3,050,588</u></u>	<u><u>\$404,972</u></u>	<u><u>15.31%</u></u>

Notes:

2023 Budget - \$35,000,000

2022 Actual - \$39,218,004

Percent shared with towns & villages - 42%

RESOLUTION NO. ____

**ADOPTING THE INCLUSION OF CERTAIN PARCELS OF PREDOMINATELY AGRICULTURAL LAND IN
CERTIFIED AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions contained in Section 303B of the New York State Agricultural Districts Law, and during one annual thirty-day period designated for the purpose, Madison County has received requests from property owners, for the addition of property belonging to them be added to a nearby existing agricultural district; and

WHEREAS, Madison County has undertaken a review process pursuant to Section 303B of the New York State Agricultural Districts Law; and

WHEREAS, the Madison County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board has reported that the property of these landowners consists of predominately viable agricultural land, as defined in Section 301 (7) of the New York State Agricultural Districts Law; and

WHEREAS, the inclusion of such land would serve the public interest by assisting in maintaining a viable agricultural industry within those existing agricultural districts;

WHEREAS, the Madison County Board of Supervisors have declared themselves Lead Agency for the environmental review; and

WHEREAS, the Madison County Board of Supervisors, after review and recommendation by the Madison County Planning Department, have determined that the inclusion of these parcels will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment and therefore an Environmental Impact Statement will not be required;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following properties be approved for inclusion in Madison County Agricultural Districts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Commissioner of the NYS Department of Agricultural and Markets for his action.

The properties for which requests for addition to an Agricultural District are the following:

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>Tax ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>
<u>District 1C:</u>	None			
<u>District 2C:</u>	None			
<u>District 3C:</u>	Bondi, Charles Tuscarora Landholding LLC	T. Sullivan T. Sullivan	25.-1-14.2 41.-1-27.4	6.83 ac 26.7 6ac
<u>District 4C:</u>	None			

DATED: March 14, 2023

Joseph J. Pinard, Chairman
Planning, Economic Development, Environmental
And Intergovernmental Affairs Committee