

**MADISON COUNTY PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL
AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Meeting Agenda - Wednesday, June 26, 2024

Call Meeting to Order

Meeting called to order at 11:02 am by Chairwoman Shwartz.

Approval of Minutes

May minutes reviewed and approved.

1. May 29th Meeting Minutes

Sales Tax Update - Cindy Edick

Cindy reports that so far this year, sales tax revenues are ahead by about \$578,000 equaling about 3.8% more than last year. After July we will have true half-year reports to assess giving better projections for the entire year.

1. Sales Tax Report Thru June 13th

Real Property Update - Ryan Chaires

Ryan Chaires reported for Real Property, saying they are completing lein searches to prepare for the upcoming Fall auction.

Becky reported working on the review of "Abandoned Property" laws to possibly save money on surplus costs. She continued on to say that the local Codes Enforcement Officers can not do all the property posting alone. In the future, the property notices will be sent in April allowing more prep time.

Cindy Palmer added that the language of the letters sent to property owners sounds urgent, that the template for the letters was drawn out by the state, not the county.

Career Center Update - Ellen Bowe

Ellen was not in attendance due to the Summer Youth Work Group Orientation she left notes with Scott to report on:

This year there are 63 kids who will be on payroll!

10 kids will be on the Canastota worksite; doing work in Canastota and Lenox.

15 at the Oneida worksites; doing trail work, etc.

18 on the Chittenango/Southern End; doing work on the Chenango trail in Bouckville, working at the Lavender Farm and working at Sullivan Park and Botanical Garden in Chittenango.

1 youth at the Chittenango School, 5 kids assisting with Oneida Schools, 5 kids at the YMCA in Oneida assisting with grounds and childcare.

2 kids at the Otselic Swim Summer Program, 1 at Purchasing, 1 at Madison County Youth Bureau, 2 at Madison County Maintenance, and 2 at the Career Center.

The Carpenters Pre-Apprentice Program was a great success. Ellen spoke to Bill Maxim, who reported three of our students as being "rock stars". Bill has already

spoken to them offering full-time work with Mernane the day they graduate and will begin working the next day. They will be part of the Turning Stone construction site. Eve ann asked Sam to make a press release about the construction program.

I.T.A.'s and OJT'S: We have funded a job at a local manufacturer for a student graduating in June. A customer attached to DSS will be funded for an OJT at another manufacturer. 3 paramedics have been funded. Also funded 2 residents for their CDL Training and another resident for their HVAC Training.

IDA Update - Kipp Hicks

Kipp reported:

- Albany Street Holdings at 99 Albany Street in Cazenovia has been approved for the entire slate of IDA tax breaks. The project is expected to break ground later this year.
- Good Nature Brewing Company's new owners are expected to submit an application to continue with the PILOT originally approved for the founding company.
- Community Memorial Hospital has secured a USDA-Rural Development loan guarantee for \$20,000,000. This will help them to lower their cost of capital, and is expected to render a CRC bond to finance the project unnecessary.
- Canastota Dairy (formerly Queensboro) is on the Village of Canastota Trustee agenda in the next couple of weeks for consideration for a Community Development Block Grant.
- Hotel Oneida is working out a parking plan. They expect to start internal demolition in August.
- Canastota's NY Forward initiative is moving forward. A couple of public meetings have been held. An open call for projects has been opened, and they will be accepting applications for the next month or so.
- SLIC fiber is stringing new fiber optic cable in Sherrill, and they expect to continue into Oneida, Canastota, and eventually Chittenango. This should increase competition and result in more options for homes and businesses, in addition to lowering costs.
- Oneida Healthcare in conjunction with Two By Four Construction have started investigating a phase II for senior and partially assisted living near the hospital. Meetings will be held next week to brief the city and school district on the project and anticipated tax break ask.
- CNYRPD has cleared the first round of a competition for a \$30,000,000 initiative for rural broadband. The Board of Supervisors should anticipate an update in the months to come from David Bottar from the agency.
- CFA workshops have been held in both Chittenango and Peterboro for funding available in this year's competition.

CCE Update - Larkin Podsiedlik/Sarah Rosenthal

Sarah from CCE reported on the Ag division. They continue to provide group training

for local farmers/business owners as the increased questions about zoning and farm leases continue to come up. The garden and horticulture teachings goal is to provide a bigger space for hands-on garden training in collaboration with SUNY Morrisville. This year's Open Farm Day is set for July 27th. They have already exceeded the sponsorship goals. Sarah says they are trying to encourage all of our County Supervisors to attend the event.

Larkin reported on the upcoming fall training for horses and large animal emergencies.

The Madison County fair is July 11th thru July 14th, and will be in the Larkin building.

Working with CCE Oneida to do an Amish produce stand in Deansboro.

Eve Ann asked about the large animal emergency training saying Amish buggies are out all over that they are black and hard to see depending on the time of day. Drivers come upon them quickly and it's causing roadway hazards. She would like to make the Amish community be more aware of the laws and wants to increase safety measures.

Melissa says the requirements the Amish are required to meet are met with a constitutional right to minimums.

Tourism Update - Kaytlynn Lynch

Kaytlynn recently joined the Oneida Health Foundation Board of Directors, and today she is golfing at their annual charity golf classic. Therefore, Scott is reporting from her notes:

The outdoor Farmers' Market season is well underway. Each week there are 4 markets to visit around the county; Madison County Historical Society's Cottage Lawn market in Oneida on Tuesdays from 2-6 p.m. Chittenango's Tuesdays in the Park at Dr. West Park from 5-8 p.m. Hamilton Farmers' Market on the Village Green from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday and Cazenovia Farmers' Market downtown from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday.

Work is being done now for a billboard campaign to promote the Madison-Bouckville Antiques Show in August. A collaboration between Madison County Tourism, Madison-Bouckville Promotions, David Owens Illustration, Yellow House Creative Services, and Lamar Advertising. They are going to launch an exciting campaign on July 1st with 3 locations. One being the Township 5 Shopping Center in Camillus, the CNY Regional Market in Syracuse, and finally the arterial in Utica.

A few community events to make note of are: July 4: celebrations in Hamilton and Cazenovia July 5: Hamilton will be hosting their First Friday and Poolville for Heritage Barn's Second Annual July Jam July 6: Inaugural Lavender Festival at Farmstead 1868 in Cazenovia. July 11-14: Madison County Fair in Brookfield and July 27: Open Farm Day. Be sure to visit the events calendar for the complete list.

PCD/HUB Update - Dana Krueger/Jocelyn Gavitt

Jocelynn reported for the PCD that they were able to work with Central NY Community Foundation and WISE to extend a grant through the end of the year. Will be moving on the microenterprise grant soon, trying to help with beltline in Earlville to secure funding for kitchen advancements there. Dana says lots of day passes and new people coming in. people interested in food trucks, mechanic in a garage on oxbow rd. coldate summer excellerator program. A program for composting hopefully in Hamilton, dana has been giving the students contacts. Back on track with rural equity group. Doing another

roadshow, hitting up breweries, coffee shops small business chat and 1 business owner and 1 expert at the offering about 4-6p. summit at suny Morrisville for dairy food processing facility and do a session of teaching. Working with WISE at Ashland acres, revitalize and reorganize sessions in July. Sept on corp training and management. Looking for funding for summer time season. Madison county is hosting at Ray Brothers the street beaters.

BUY Madison - Sam Field

Sam reported efforts continuing with CCE to promote the upcoming Open Farm Day on July 27th. Updates to the county websites continue as well. They would like to add blogs to the county websites, looking for bloggers. Recently, she collaborated with the Board of Supervisors Office and Madison County Tourism to put together a new county-wide photo contest. With hopes of announcing next week, there will be multiple categories and no age limits for submissions. Previous contests were successful as many people participated. Madison County Tourism is offering a \$200 gift card for The Brewster Inn as the grand prize. A 2025 calendar will be made available for purchase using the submitted photos.

MCPLUS - Update

Scott reported the last hut was recently put in place. Some of the resolutions on today's agenda will relate to the Broadband project. For instance, the purchase of fiber from Yates County.

Planning Update - Scott Ingmire

Scott stated the only update right now comes from Wendy Marsh with Hancock and Estebrook, she's working on the proposed wind and solar projects. The wind farm project has been updated, but the application has not yet been deemed final. At this point, the best efforts could be put towards road use agreements for the individual towns/villages.

Resolutions

1. Authorizing an agreement with Yates County for the purchase of 54 miles of single strand fiber for Madison County's Reconnect Project
2. Authorizing Chairman to amend an agreement between the Madison County Soil and Water Conservation District and Madison County.
3. Authorizing the extension of a Public Transit agreement with Birnie Transit Inc. and a coordinated service memorandum of understanding with Birnie Transit Inc, Madison County, and Heritage Farm Inc.
4. Authorizing the Chairman to enter into an agreement with National Grid approved contractors.

Other Committee Business

Chairwoman Schwartz called for executive session.

Preferred Agenda

Next Meeting

1. July 24th

Adjourn

12:40 pm adjourned.