

**Planning, Economic Development,  
Environmental and Intergovernmental Affairs  
Wednesday, October 25, 2023 @ 11:00 AM  
Chambers**

**AGENDA**

**11:00 AM      Call Meeting to Order**

**Approval of Minutes**

- Approval of September Minutes

**Department and Agency Reports**

1. Sales Tax Update
2. Real Property Update
3. Career Center Update - Ellen Bowe
4. IDA Update
5. CCE Update
6. Tourism Update
7. Planning Update
8. MCPLUS Update

**Resolutions:**

1. Calling for a Public Hearing regarding the Implementation of a Community Development Block Grant
2. Terminating a Development Agreement with Savarino Companies

**Other Committee Business**

**Next Meeting:**

1. TBD

**Adjourn**

**Planning, Economic Development,  
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Wednesday, September 27, 2023 @ 11:00 AM  
Chambers**

**MINUTES**

**11:00     Call Meeting to Order  
AM**

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Pinard at 11:01 am

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

Others Present: Becky Marsala, Ryan Chaires, Larkin Podsiedlik, Sarah Rosenthal, Sam Fields, Melissa Felton, Ryan Coe, Scott Ingmire, Jamie Kowalczyk, Candy Morgan, Kipp Hicks, Cindy Palmer, Ellen Bowe, Nell Ziggler, Kristin Guinto, Karen Gaebler.

**Approval of Minutes**

- August Minutes Approval

Motion by Ronda Winn to Approve. Second by Joe Magliocca. The motion was Passed.

**Department and Agency Reports**

**1. Sales Tax Update**

Cindy reports as of today about 1.5 mil or 6% higher than last year. Currently thinks these numbers are good with hopes the state does not change anything before the years end. Tries to provide conservative numbers so that the end of year is better than expected.

Promotion of tourism had to up the amount to cover 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter costs \$103500. Resolution is ready to go before the Finance Committee. Occupancy tax is maintaining its proceeds. Melissa is asking for some PR to help community folks become more aware of the rules, help spread the awareness to owners about the Occupancy Tax, most specifically AirBnB's.

**2. Real Property Update**

Becky reports she is retiring therefore this is probably her last meeting. Karen Richmond will be taking over as Real Property Tax Director upon Becky's departure. Ryan Chaires is the Deputy Treasurer.

County currently has 86 parcels dropped from the STAR program that are now delinquent on their taxes.

The pending moratorium will not be passed, this year, according to legislation. Looking onward to next years' options, we are considering that typically these homes are vacant therefore a re-approach as "abandoned property" may be a better route to pursue. The laws governing abandoned properties do have more steps but could be more conducive to the long haul in moving forward with the auction sales.

3. Career Center Update - Ellen Bowe

Ellen reports:

1. Unemployment rate as of August 2023 is 3.4%
2. Working with WIB and Carpenters Union to see if there is an option to train residents in Construction trade.
  - a. Our hope will be to pay residents a stipend as they learn
  - b. These will end up potentially being apprentices
3. We are funding quite a few of LPN'S who are attending DCMO Boces in our southern end.
4. We are seeing a lot more of residents coming in for funding for the trades, which is a great sign.
5. We are watching the federal budget talks; there has been some discussion over WIOA; Youth funding and training providers.

4. IDA Update

Kipp reports Alliance Apartments is closing on the Canastota school to become 27 apartment units.

Oneida Hershey's store has more land than needed therefore looking to sell some of it.

Downtown Oneida is looking to market to local businesses for improving commercial spaces and/or utilize upper spaces for living with use of DRI funds.

New survey being sent out to business owners as well as a community members trying to collect data for future work on strategic planning through the next decade.

Cazenovia college working class meeting on Oct 11th from 12pm-2pm and again at 6:30pm-8:30pm attempting to find ideas for the properties future.

5. CCE Update

Ag Economic Development: Sarah Rosenthal has been meeting local farmers, visiting markets and local food stores to get acclimated to Madison County agriculture, including meeting stakeholders.

Farm to School Project: Surveys of farmers begin soon to assess

F2S feasibility and training needs.

Celebrate Madison: Sarah rolled out registration for Celebrate Madison vendors. Registration fee is \$25. We are hoping to have around 30 vendors to shop from, as well as classes for kids and adults. Similar to last year, this holiday market will be held at Hampton Inn & Suites in Cazenovia on Saturday, December 2nd from 9:00am-2:00pm.

Upcoming Programs of Interest:

On The Farm Film Screening & Panel on Farmer Mental Health: November 9

Estate Planning & Business Succession for Farmers, with attorneys from Bousquet Holstein: November 2

Annual Meeting: Friday, October 13, 6pm, Colgate Inn.

October 1-7 is National 4-H Week, and we are pushing both youth enrollment and volunteer enrollment to provide adequate supervision and mentoring to youth programs. Looking for people to lead community clubs, present to youth about their expertise or lead short-term projects, and more.

CCE Staff visited Shackelton Point, in Bridgeport, the site of the Cornell Biological Field Station. We are eagerly planning increased collaboration with this resource in the county.

Constitution: CCE is adopting a new Association Constitution at the 2023 Annual Meeting. The Constitution Committee would prefer to adopt a constitution allowing for two appointed Board of Supervisors positions as appointed voting members.

## 6. Tourism Update

Nell reports since Scott Flaherty's departure the board is assessing all standing contracts.

Hoping to have a new Executive Director in place soon. To date have meet with 2 candidates with hopes of bringing one of those candidates on board.

Elise has been going out into the community looking for outreach options.

On verge of completing the new Inspiration Guide, this printing will cover a 2 year period vs annual printing.

7. Planning Update

Scott reports the Oxbow Hill Solar Project in Fenner is moving ahead with application to have the state approval. This is a new process for the county but will stay engaged with the process.

Oct 8<sup>th</sup> the Allen family is coming into town, they owned Delphi Falls property from 1959-2018, the family made large donation of \$50,000 for the bridge to be built. On Sunday we will be holding a dedication ceremony, please attend if you can. Invites will be sent out soon.

Delphi phase one is now complete. Scott showed photos of the before and after progress to include the new bridge, upper trail, ADA overlook of the lower falls, and the new porous asphalt parking lot with solar lights. The idea was to keep the park looking more “wild” with use of native plants and flowers. So as to not have much annual upkeep in the plants and no mulch. The upkeep is mostly just mowing.

We have on order new signs with the intention of having more created in the future to showcase the park offerings.

8. MCPLUS Update

John reports progress is moving along well. John Regan is working to maintain work on schedule. The huts had a little set back but now just waiting for state codes approval.

**Resolutions:**

1. Extending the contract with Madison County Tourism, Inc.

Motion by Joe Magliocca to Approve. Second by Eve Ann Schwartz. The motion was Passed.

2. Authorization to sign an agreement with the Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board to administer local Waterfront Revitalization Program Grant for Oneida Lake

Motion by Ronda Winn to Approve. Second by Joe Magliocca. The motion was Passed.

3. Authorization to Sign an Extension Agreement with New York State for a local Waterfront Revitalization Program Grant for Oneida Lake

Motion by Eve Ann Schwartz to Approve. Second by Joe Magliocca. The motion was Passed.

**Other Committee Business**

## **Preferred Agenda**

### **Next Meeting:**

1. October 25, 2023

### **Adjourn**

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

| <u>Distribution Date</u> | <u>2022</u>         | <u>2023</u>         | <u>Increase/<br/>(Decrease)</u> | <u>%</u>     |
|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|
| February 7               | \$2,135,685         | \$2,518,274         | \$382,589                       | 17.91%       |
| February 13              | 509,931             | 532,314             | 22,383                          | 4.39%        |
| March 7                  | 1,909,780           | 2,194,836           | 285,056                         | 14.93%       |
| March 13                 | 367,632             | 435,145             | 67,513                          | 18.36%       |
| April 7                  | 3,295,431           | 2,902,658           | (392,773)                       | (11.92)%     |
| April 13                 | 608,178             | 667,201             | 59,023                          | 9.70%        |
| May 5                    | 2,449,667           | 2,457,377           | 7,710                           | 0.31%        |
| May 15                   | 771,217             | 553,273             | (217,944)                       | (28.26)%     |
| June 7                   | 2,640,072           | 2,466,965           | (173,107)                       | (6.56)%      |
| June 13                  | 529,437             | 488,160             | (41,277)                        | (7.80)%      |
| June 30                  | 1,149,550           | 1,974,749           | 825,199                         | 71.78%       |
| July 3                   | 1,365,707           | 1,519,973           | 154,266                         | 11.30%       |
| July 13                  | 876,582             | 1,100,504           | 223,922                         | 25.54%       |
| August 7                 | 2,579,110           | 2,694,993           | 115,883                         | 4.49%        |
| August 13                | 544,741             | 590,603             | 45,862                          | 8.42%        |
| September 8              | 2,569,261           | 2,688,334           | 119,073                         | 4.63%        |
| September 13             | 571,042             | 583,467             | 12,425                          | 2.18%        |
| October 6                | 3,642,071           | 3,819,703           | 177,632                         | 4.88%        |
| October 13               | 925,183             | 972,891             | 47,708                          | 5.16%        |
| Total                    | <u>\$29,440,277</u> | <u>\$31,161,420</u> | <u>\$1,721,143</u>              | <u>5.85%</u> |

Notes:

2023 Budget - \$35,000,000

2022 Actual - \$39,218,004

Percent shared with towns & villages - 42%

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_**

**CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT**

**WHEREAS**, Madison County wishes to have a public hearing on the implementation of Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG"), Project # 686HR310-21, from the New York State Office of Community Renewal that is funding a \$350,000 countywide Home Rehabilitation Program;

**WHEREAS**, the County is required to hold a public hearing to consider citizen comments regarding the implementation of the grant program;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that a public hearing be held regarding the project's implementation in the Madison County Board of Supervisors chambers, County Office Building #4, Wampsville, New York on November 9th @ 11:15 a.m. or as soon thereafter as possible; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Clerk duly publish a notice of said hearing in the official newspapers of the County at least ten (10) days prior to the scheduled hearing date.

**DATED:** October 25, 2023

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Joseph J. Pinard, Chairman  
Planning, Economic Development,  
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**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_**

**TERMINATING A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH SAVARINO COMPANIES**

**WHEREAS**, On October 3, 2018, Madison County was awarded a grant of \$1.5 million towards implementation of a “Reimagine the Canals” pocket neighborhood grant in the Village of Canastota, to be funded by the New York Power Authority (NYPA) and administered by the New York State Canal Corporation (NYSCC); and

**WHEREAS**, the County has acquired on January 2, 2020 a certain parcel within the Village of Canastota in order to develop the canalside pocket neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has issued RFQ 1-20 (the “RFQ”) to solicit qualifications from interested parties regarding the redevelopment of a certain county-owned parcel within the Village of Canastota and formed a Selection Committee to review submittals; and

**WHEREAS**, Savarino Companies (“Savarino”) was the developer selected to achieve the vision for the site and the County entered into a Development Agreement with Savarino Companies on June 23, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 22, 2023 Savarino Companies announced that it is going out of business and unable to complete the canalside neighborhood project; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Madison County and Savarino Companies have mutually determined it necessary to terminate the development agreement; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Madison County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes John M. Becker, Chairman of the Board, to sign a termination agreement to terminate the Development Agreement with Savarino Companies (a copy of which is on file with the Clerk of this Board).

**DATED:** November 9, 2023

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Joseph J. Pinard, Chairman  
Planning, Economic Development,  
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