

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING TOURISM/AGRICULTURE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING July 5, 2022

### **ATTENDEES:**

**Legislators:** Barbara Roberts, Ron Ciotoli, Dennis Mullen, Dale Weston, Marte Sauerbrey

**Staff:** LeeAnn Tinney, Linda Sampson, Cathy Haskell, Sean Lanning

**Guests:** Wendy Walsh, Soil & Water; Christine Curtis, IDA

Committee Chair, Legislator Barbara Roberts, called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING (ED&P): LeeAnn Tinney** – Agenda and attachments previously emailed.

### **I. MINUTES**

#### A. Approval of minutes of June 7, 2022

Committee Chair, Legislator Roberts, asked for approval of the minutes from the June 7, 2022 committee meeting. Legislator Weston made a motion to accept the June 7, 2022 minutes, seconded by Legislator Mullen. All were in favor.

### **II. FINANCIAL**

The Year-to-Date Budget Reports are in the committee packets; Ms. Tinney reported the following budgets are all tracking:

- A. Economic Development
- B. Planning
- C. Sustainability Management

### **III. OLD BUSINESS**

#### A. Reports

1. Tioga County Soil & Water, Wendy Walsh – Monthly report distributed. Ms. Walsh reviewed her report highlighting; Agriculture, Chesapeake Bay TMDL, Dean Creek Watershed Protection Project, Hazard Mitigation, Stormwater, Stream Program, and Meetings, Trainings & Miscellaneous Activities.

Ms. Walsh reported that she will be submitting a County appropriation request and asked if there was any guidance, requests or timeline from this committee she should be aware of. There were no changes, however Ms. Tinney mentioned that budgets need to be proposed at our August meeting.

Ms. Haskell reported that Mr. Bailey, County Budget Officer, will be reviewing budgets from outside funding requests with the Legislature at the August 18<sup>th</sup> worksession; advising to get something to him before that.

Ms. Tinney asked if Ms. Walsh was submitting any CFA Applications to let her know, so she can be on the lookout for them and advocate for them, if necessary, with the Regional Council.

2. Tioga County Tourism – Linda will email this report to the committee.
3. Tioga County Cornell Cooperative Extension – No report.

Not on the agenda, Ms. Tinney introduced Sean Lanning to give an update on his progress as Education Workforce Coordinator. Mr. Lanning talked briefly about his background, adding that his position was created as a result of the County Strategic Plan. He reported the following:

- Working on creating relationships between school districts, colleges and businesses to encourage and improve connections with businesses and students.
- Facilitate the Talent Supply Table, a committee consisting of Superintendents or representatives from 6 school districts, representatives from BOCES and Economic Development. The first meeting is this month.
- Met with Talent Supply Table representatives, as well as local businesses gathering information in preparation for the July 27<sup>th</sup> meeting; finding out what schools are doing, what classes they offer, are internships available, etc.
- The purpose is to get everyone around the same table to share information, pull resources, and facilitate connections and best practices.

Ms. Tinney reported an ARC grant application was made and approved through the IDA for \$75,000.00 to supplement the funds from the Hooker Foundation originally supporting this position for 3 years at \$100,000.00. This will free up some funds the Hooker Foundation can use elsewhere.

#### B. Grants

1. Status - Ms. Tinney reported on the status of grants the ED&P Department is involved in:
  - a. Potential (17)
  - b. Pending (17)
  - c. Active (37)
  - d. Completed (3)

#### C. Economic/Community Development

1. Village of Owego
  - a. Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) administration – This project is ongoing; beginning to see progress on some projects.
  - b. NY Main Street (North Ave.) administration – Beginning to see streetscape improvements.

- c. IT Grant- ED&P assisted IT with a Local Government Efficiency Grant; funding to bring municipalities online with the County System; first is to bring the Village of Owego online; Town of Candor is next.
- 2. Village of Waverly
  - a. Mural Project- Gateway beautification; panels have been painted and looking forward to putting them up. Waiting for approval from Norfolk Southern which might take a while. Ms. Tinney reported the artwork by the Waverly students looks great!
  - b. Twigg / RESTORE NY project completed.
  - c. DRI application– The ED&P Team is beginning the process for a DRI application on behalf of the Village of Waverly; dates pending.
  - d. Economic Analysis Report - A public meeting was held for input on plans for the revitalization for the economic core of the Village of Waverly. Final draft of the report is complete; this is critical to make a DRI application. Ms. Jardine is working with the Village of Waverly on their comprehensive plan; putting them in the best position for a competitive DRI application.
- 3. Village of Candor
  - a. NY Main Street administration – Project is moving forward.
- 4. Town of Nichols- Broadband/ConnectALL – This project is moving very quickly. Poles should be going up this week. Southern Tier Network is working closely with the Town of Nichols; public information meeting coming soon. Hopefully signing people up with internet service in September/October timeframe.
- 5. Municipalities
  - a. Snowmobile Grants
  - b. Sweeper/Vacuum truck status– Truck purchased for shared use between Village of Owego, Town of Owego, Tioga County and Village of Nichols; delivery expected July 11<sup>th</sup>.
- D. Land Bank
  - 1. INHS – Received official notice of withdrawal from Temple/Liberty project.
- E. Workforce Development – Mr. Lanning reported earlier in the meeting.
  - 1. Talent Supply Table first meeting is July 27<sup>th</sup>.
  - 2. Mapping Report nearing completion
  - 3. Youth Opportunity Now- Assessment & Training Work Group
  - 4. Candor Junior EMS Initiative- continuing to assist
  - 5. Business Tours
    - a. Stateline Auto
    - b. Tioga Downs
    - c. CCE Farm
- F. Planning
  - 1. Countywide Strategic Plan- Grant application has been submitted for ARC funding to update the plan; hopeful to hear award news soon.
  - 2. ST8 Regional Broadband Conference- Committee Chair Roberts reported going to the conference; good meeting, well attended.
- G. Sustainability Management
  - 1. July E-Bulletin to Tioga County Employees

2. Hazardous Waste Program
  - a. Electronics/Hazardous Waste paid to Broome County- \$10,669.45 year to date.
  - b. Electronics/Tioga County participating towns, Newark Valley and Tioga, paid- \$1,641.60 year to date.

#### H. IDA

1. Lounsberry Industrial Pocket- IDA voted to make application for preliminary engineering study for potential development of light industrial spec space on property in Lounsberry; looking into ARC funding for that study.
2. Owego Gardens II
  - a. IDA Water System- Completion date by end of August.
  - b. Home Leasing- Begin Townhouse rentals in August, project complete by end of year.

IDA Board members toured Owego Gardens II. Legislative Chair, Ms. Sauerbrey, joined the tour and reported it was a good tour, stating that the townhouses were perfectly positioned for a beautiful view. The site was very busy with contractors.

### IV. NEW BUSINESS

#### A. Grants

1. CDBG award- The County applied for a grant on behalf of Racker Neighborhood Depot and was awarded \$3M. A resolution, listed below, is being presented today to accept the funds. Ms. Woodburn, Ms. Jardine and Ms. Schnabl assisted on this application.

Legislative Chair Sauerbrey mentioned the importance of communication regarding these resolutions. We must make sure there is an understanding of the details; where money comes from and where it's going with descriptions for tracking purposes.

#### B. Economic/Community Development

1. Presentations- No presentations this month.

#### C. Land Bank

1. Land Bank Board appointment, Sara Zubalsky-Peer – Resolution, listed below, being presented today. After some discussion, a vote was held along with all resolutions.

#### D. Workforce Development – Mr. Lanning reported earlier.

#### E. Planning

1. 239 Reviews – No 239 Reviews this month.

#### F. Sustainability Management

1. NYS Reuse Summit attended.
2. New York Power Authority (NYPA) meetings regarding EV charging stations
3. Ending Food Waste promos
4. Don't be Like this Guy promos

- G. IDA – A resolution, listed below, is being presented today on behalf of the IDA regarding an application by Labrador Lumber for the use of HUD funds. Ms. Tinney reported the County is responsible for the administration of recovered HUD money. The funds are put in a loan program and the county has an agreement with the IDA to administer those loan funds. For those funds to be disbursed, a resolution has to be brought forward for the Legislature to authorize disbursement. Labrador Lumber has applied for these funds due to a devastating fire destroying their entire mill and are

looking to relocate and rebuild. The IDA is very interested in helping this local business. Christine Curtis, IDA Executive Administrator, was present to answer any questions. After a general discussion, it was decided if the IDA Loan Committee and IDA Board were in agreement, this committee was in agreement to move the resolution forward.

H. Misc.

1. State Leads- Responded to 2 State Leads.

**V. PERSONNEL – No report**

**VI. RESOLUTIONS**

- G01-Authorize Acceptance of Racker Nonprofit Hub CDBG-CV CARES Grant Award
- G02-SEQRA Consideration for NYS Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation 2022-2023 Snowmobile Trails Grant-in-Aid Program Phase II Application
- G04-Apply to the New York State Vehicle Infrastructure Grant for Municipalities
- G05-Filing of an Application for Designation Grant from NYSERDA Clean Communities Program
- G16-Authorize Disbursement of HUD CDBG Loan Funds for Labrador Lumber

After reviewing the above resolutions, Ms. Tinney asked this committee for support to move the resolutions forward; vote on the resolutions follows:

Legislator Roberts - yes  
Legislator Mullen - yes  
Legislator Ciotoli - yes  
Legislator Weston – yes

The vote on the resolution below follows:

- G03-Resolution to Appoint S Zubalsky-Peer to TCPDC Board  
Legislator Roberts - no  
Legislator Mullen - yes  
Legislator Ciotoli - yes  
Legislator Weston – yes

**VII. PROCLAMATIONS- N/A**

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further topics of discussion or questions, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda Sampson  
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