

MINUTES

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 6, 2022 10:00 a.m.

Present: Supervisors Johnson, Groat, Chatfield, Robusto, Eygnor, Brady, County Administrator Rick House, Fiscal Assistant Brian Sams, Wayne County Cornell Cooperative Extension Representative Elizabeth Claypoole and Livestock Specialist Nancy Glazier, Tourism Director Christine Worth, Economic Development/Planning Department Director Brian Pincelli, County Attorney Dan Connors and Purchasing Agent Kaleigh Flynn. Supervisor Lasher was not present for the meeting.

Minutes from the March 4th Committee meeting were approved as written.

Ms. Nancy Glazier, Livestock Specialist informed the committee of the bird flu that was found in Monroe County and Orleans County at the end of last month. They are currently educating the public on the risks of disease. More information can be found at the Cornell Cooperative Extension website. Mrs. Glazier stressed the importance of notifying the office if there is suspected flu found. The Annual Reports for Cornell Cooperative Extension were distributed. Ms. Claypoole stated that the AG Literacy Project took place recently in the 2nd grades across Wayne County. She is also in the process of planning the Ag Farm Tour for July 29th. A meat processing facility will be one of the places to tour this year. This facility is owned and operated by two sisters currently running Smith Brothers in the town of Marion.

The monthly activities report for the Tourism Office was reviewed. Mrs. Worth is advertising for summer guides. The office has decided to phase out the 800 number and will only use the general office numbers. The Tourism Department will also be sponsoring wine glasses at the Taste of Wayne County again this year on July 19. The *I Love NY* grant was received. Mr. Kenyon attended the last sports show in Hamburg last month. The office will be looking for a new Tourism Assistant. Mrs. Worth noted the fluctuation on paper prices and her upcoming RFP for the Visitor Guide. Mr. Kenyon will be promoting a fishing day in the Town of Galen with Clyde-Savannah student anglers on May 21.

The following transmittals were presented for the Economic Development/Planning Department:

-- Authorization to Set Public Hearing for Inclusion of Land in a Certified Agricultural District.
Approved 4-0.

--Authorization to Approve Broadband Funding and Partnership Agreement. Mr. Connors stated that the bulk of the ARPA funds allocated to this project would need to be expended by a certain time or the 8.5 million would need to be paid back. He also noted that it would be extremely important to obtain outside counsel in regards to the building of the RfP for expertise in order to

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identify processes that need to be incorporated in the final contract. He suggested sending a draft copy to Hancock and Estabrook for review by their attorneys. The committee agreed to amend the 1st Resolved clause of the resolution that removed “with terms and conditions to be finalized and a final agreement subject to County Attorney approval as to form and content to be executed by the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors”. Mr. Connors said there would be another resolution that would need to be put forth regarding terms and conditions in a final agreement at a later date but for now this resolution will serve the purpose of funding the project. Approved 4-0.

Mr. Pincelli inquired about the possibility of setting up a Zoom meeting with Supervisors for a Broadband presentation sometime next week.

The RfP for the County Housing Needs Assessment and market analysis is due at the end of the month. The PITCH competition is heating up again for year 4 which will focus on a student component. Mr. Pincelli said they will be working with local high schools across the county encouraging and helping students create small business ideas. Mr. Pincelli noted that a former winner of the PITCH competition has marketed her product to other countries and is doing very well.

Mr. Groat motioned to go into Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a particular employee at 11:10 am. Seconded by Mr. Robusto. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. The next meeting of the Economic Development/Planning Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, May 4th at 10:00 a.m.