

MINUTES

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 4, 2022 10:03 a.m.

Present: Supervisors Johnson, Groat, Chatfield, Robusto, Lasher and Eygnor, County Administrator Rick House, Fiscal Assistant Brian Sams, Tourism Director Christine Worth, Economic Development/Planning Department Deputy Director Katie Bronson and Economic Development Fiscal Assistant Jamie Corteville.

Minutes from the April 6th Committee meeting were approved as written.

The April progress report for the Tourism Department was included with the agenda. It listed meetings and events attended by Mrs. Worth and staff. She participated in a Canadian advertising program to attract media to the County. Changes have been made to Apple Tasting Tour activities and Doyle Farms has signed-up to be a new partner in the event. First quarter reports were completed for I Love NY funding. The Department's May newsletter will be sent out electronically. The Department booked booth space at the Wayne County Fair in August and Mrs. Worth continues to work with the County's Bicentennial Committee. Staff is reviewing content and editing this year's Visitor's Guide before it goes to print. A photo of a new mural at the Wayne County Humane Society was shown to members.

The Outdoor Recreation Coordinator continues to provide fishing updates on the Department's web page and will be involved in this year's youth fishing derby in Clyde.

Mrs. Worth announced that an offer letter has been sent out to fill the Tourism Assistant position.

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

--Authorization to modify Agricultural District No. 1 to include land in the Town of Butler. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization to designate Agricultural Dev Specialist Ora Rothfuss as the County's Environmental Certifying Officer for the Community Development Block Grant Farmworker Mobile Home Replacement Grant. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization to accept \$40,000 in matching grant funds from the New York State Department of Ag and Markets, authorize the release of Request for Proposals (RFP) and authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign necessary documents for acceptance of the funds to complete and update of the County's Farmland Protection Plan. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization to accept funding and authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign related documents to accept Community Development Block Grant Farmland Mobile Home

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Replacement Grant Funding in the amount of \$1 million. Rural Housing Opportunity Corp is partnering with the County as a sub-recipient on the project as they are already involved in farmworker housing in Wayne County. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization to appoint and renew appointments to the Wayne County Planning Board. Approved 5-0.

In other business, a transmittal was presented requesting authorization for the Board of Supervisors to endorse a capital project at the Williamson Airport; there is no County cost for this endorsement. Approved 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m. The next meeting of the Economic Development/Planning Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, June 8th at 10:00 a.m.