

MINUTES

PLANNING/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 6, 2019 10:00 a.m.

Present: Supervisors Spickerman, Pagano, Groat, Miller, Robusto, Jacobs, Emmel and Leroy, County Administrator Rick House, Fiscal Officer Ken Blake, Tourism Director Christine Worth and Economic Development/Planning Department Director Brian Pincelli.

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

The monthly activities report for the Tourism Office was distributed. It include a list of meetings and events attended by Mrs. Worth during January. Advertising has been finalized for the Ice Fishing ad, a survey has been sent to this year's participants in the Apple Tasting Tour, a letter was sent to Supervisors regarding the hours of operation for the Canal. Between June and September the Canal has been open between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m.; however the hours are being decreased at the locks going to Wayne County to close at 5:00 p.m. Wayne County has not sent a letter to the State regarding the limited hours of Canal operation; Mrs. Worth said this could be done, if requested. Supervisors agreed they would like to have a letter sent on behalf of the County requesting hours be returned to 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The County received notice it would be receiving \$76,536 in Matching Funds for 2019. Mrs. Worth attended the New York State Agricultural Society Annual Meeting to accept a marketing award. A list of activities the Outdoor Recreation Coordinator participated in during the month was included in the report. He represented Wayne County at the Syracuse Outdoor Show.

Mrs. Worth presented a transmittal requesting authorization to accept request for proposals for printing of the 2019 Travel Guide received by Dual Print and Mail for \$17,328. Approved 5-0.

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

--Authorization to transfer Community Development Block (CDBG) grant funds to the Wayne County Regional Land Bank in the amount of \$747,712. These funds will be used for a commercial demolition project, below grade demolition project, residential demolition project and administrative costs. Mr. Pincelli reminded Supervisors these are State funds that will be recalled at the end of March if they are not dedicated to an eligible CDBG project. One proposal, to demolish the property at 42 Emler Street in Lyons is in question. County Attorney, Dan Connors, came into the meeting stating this property is privately owned and has only one year of delinquent taxes against it. He encouraged the Town of Lyons to take the steps necessary to declare the building a public health risk and have it condemned. The Town could then turn over the building to the County for demolition utilizing CDBG funds. Mr. Pincelli said funding through this program must be committed by March 31st; however, does not need to be spent for two years. If the Town could 'give' the building to the County was questioned. Mr. Pincelli said this would be a marketable site once the building is removed. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization to appoint Michael Madison to the Central New York Regional Market Authority. Approved 5-0.

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--Authorization to approve the official undertaking of Public Employees Fidelity Bond for the Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Counsel. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization to transfer the balance of funds at the end of 2018 in the Industrial Development Program to the 2019 budget. The Industrial Site Fund now has a balance of \$1 million that will be available for use on 2019 Economic Development projects involving development of public infrastructure. This request would also increase the cap for site development projects from \$100,000 to \$300,000. Mr. Pincelli noted there are two County municipalities interested in utilization of this program that has a one-third match from the business and one-third match from the municipality. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization to increase the Economic Development/Planning Department travel budget by \$5,000 due to expenses related to the County Planning Board. Mr. Pincelli said this budget was exceeded last year and he did not take this into consideration when making up his 2019 budget. A transfer of funds will be needed from the County's Contingency budget in this amount. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign an agreement with the Industrial Development Agency for payment of their 2019 appropriation in the amount of \$595,607. Funds are to be utilize for business retention and expansion and special studies and projects for the Office. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization to appoint Thomas Lyon as the Wayne County Fair Housing Officer. Approved 5-0.

Mr. Pincelli invited Supervisors to tour the InterGrow Facility in Ontario on February 26th at 1 p.m. He will be sending an invitation to all Supervisors

Supervisors were updated on the following:

- Workforce Development: The State had dedicated millions of dollars to Workforce Programs; however, to date funding has not been made available. Mr. Pincelli said the IDA committed funds to be used to encourage youth to go into advanced manufacturing jobs and discuss alternative career paths with school students. Mr. Robusto said he is aware of Wayne County businesses that are finding it had to hire qualified skilled labor. Mr. Pincelli noted the County had a lot of business growth with existing companies in 2018; he hopes to have more new businesses come into the County in 2019. He has had conversations with FLCC regarding courses they could offer that could get individuals into the local workforce sooner. Mr. Groat said the County needs to find out what type of labor force they are looking for.
- Environmental Protection Agency Brownfield Application and County Inventory: The Office submitted an application last week in the amount of \$300,000 for Phase I and Phase II studies throughout the County. Mr. Pincelli would like to have some of these funds used on a study of 42 Elmer Street in Lyons, to see if that property is contaminated. Funding is very competitive.
- Derelict Property Study: A meeting is scheduled for February 12th from 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. at Cooperative Extension in Newark to review this study.

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- Northern Boarder Regional Commission: In the last seven years over \$57 million has been distributed in grant funds through this Agency for economic and infrastructure projects. In 2019 the territory in the Commission was amended to include Wayne County.

Mr. Pincelli said the list of derelict properties in Wayne County will be presented to the Land Bank Committee.

The Regional Economic Development Council is giving the County \$20,000 to perform a Brownfield inventory. Mr. Pincelli stated the need to quantify this problem.

In other business, Mr. Pincelli told Supervisors larger solar projects will be looking to come into the County. The Governor has a plan, and is providing funding for projects that increase renewable energy. Mr. Pincelli has a model zoning code regarding solar projects he will e-mail to all Supervisors.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m. The next meeting of the Economic Development/Planning Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, March 6th at 10:00 a.m.