

## MINUTES

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/PLANNING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 5, 2019 10:00 a.m.

Present: Supervisors Spickerman, Pagano, Groat, Miller, Robusto, Jacobs, Miller 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 May 8<sup>th</sup> Committee meeting were approved as written.

The monthly activities report for the Tourism Office was presented. Meetings and events Mrs. Worth attended since the last Committee meeting were included in the report. Staff are preparing the fall advertising campaign. The designer of the Visitors' Guide will be changing, this could result in higher cost for the 2020 Guide. A new Account Clerk began in the Office at the end of May. The Office's Recreation Coordinator continues updating the webpage with weekly fishing reports and with work on the Rush Outdoors video event. He is also working with the State Department of Environmental Conservation on promotion of free fishing days in 2019.

Mr. Pincelli presented a transmittal requesting authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign a Community Development Block Grant application for the Economic Development and Planning Office. If received, grant funds would be utilized to perform a comprehensive housing affordability study. The County match for the grant could be up to \$2,650. Approved 5-0.

Activities in the Economic Development and Planning Department were reviewed. Staff met with Town of Ontario officials regarding a road expansion project and a meeting occurred at Monroe Community College regarding a new State sponsored Workforce Development Program. Ground breaking for the IEC expansion project will occur later this week. Film maker, Edge Factor, visited five companies in Wayne County; making a video to show 20 careers. The need for all households in Wayne County to have access to broadband was stated by Mr. Pincelli, as it is a selling point for many homes. Mr. Spickerman questioned if there are any plans for future use of the former Butler Correctional Facility; Mr. Pincelli said the State will be auctioning off the property.

The former Jackson and Perkins greenhouse in Newark has been purchased and will be utilized for the cultivation of hemp. The County did not participate in this economic project.

A brief discussion took place on how PILOTs (Payment In Lieu Of Taxes) agreements can assist in making a business's decision to locate in Wayne County.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m. The next meeting of the Economic Development/Panning Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 a.m.