

PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

January 05, 2022

Members Present: D. Root, G. Barnes, P. Curran, A. Cyr, G. Hanchett, D. Healy, J. Ricci, J. Ricketts-Swales, P. Stockin

Others Present: T. Boyde, J. Burdick, K. Demick, K. Dirlam, D. Fanton, B. Harris, S. Havey, K. Hooker, C. Jones, C. Knapp, T. Linn, T. Miner, S. Pullen, B. Reynolds, B. Riehle, T. Ross, J. Rumfelt, R. Sobeck-Lynch

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Planning & Economic Development Committee Vice Chairman Gary R. Barnes.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Request to Accept I Love NY Tourism Grant

Planning Director Kier Dirlam requested a resolution to accept the New York State I Love NY Tourism Matching Grant Funds. The application for this grant was approved by Resolution # 279-21, and we have received the award letter from the State granting us \$48,207. The grant and the County match is currently included in the 2022 Budget under Tourism Revenue # A 6989.3715.00; therefore, a budget adjustment is not required at this time. Legislator Harris asked County Treasurer Terri Ross if this is one of the funds that we do not budget until we know how much is received. Ms. Ross stated that we have a 2022 Budget line item for \$64,000 that she cannot adjust because there is a match with it, but they have plenty of funds and will be able to spend that \$48,000 and no more. Legislator Harris asked if the Board has the opportunity to say that we budgeted the \$64,000, but we will continue to do the match up to \$64,000. Ms. Ross stated that we can do that if we want to re-appropriate the funds because it would not be for the same item. Mr. Dirlam stated that there is also a non-matching funds line item where the difference could be allocated to. Ms. Ross stated that if we did that, we would make a budget adjustment. Legislator Harris asked if that is a possibility down the road, and Ms. Ross stated, yes. Legislator Ricketts-Swales stated that it would be very important to invest those funds in tourism, because marketing and advertising is expensive. Legislator Harris asked if they would have to do anything other than move the funds. Ms. Ross stated that if we were going to move the funds, we would reduce the line item for the State aid as well as the line item for the I Love NY program, and re-appropriate the difference between the match and what we have budgeted. The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Curran, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Appointments to the Industrial Development Agency

The IDA recommends the following individuals be reappointed and appointed for a four-year term commencing January 1, 2022, and expiring December 31, 2025:

Reappointments:

Richard Ewell, Wellsville
Douglas Frank, Cuba
Judith D. Hopkins, Fillmore
Randy Shayler, Wellsville
Ward "Skip" Wilday, Cuba

Appointment:

John D. Ricci, Cuba

Legislator Healy asked why these appointments had been requested without any prior discussion. Legislator Healy stated that they have had some issues with the IDA over the last year, and with their performance. Legislator Healy stated that he was not speaking ill of anyone in particular, but obviously they had dropped the ball with the Great Lakes Cheese project. Legislator Healy referred to the Friday, December 31, 2021, article from the Olean Times Herald regarding the top ten stories from 2021, and pointed out that number three was that Franklinville, NY, would be the new home of Great Lakes Cheese. Legislator Healy also referred to the Thursday, September 16, 2021, article from the Olean Times Herald which stated that Franklinville was the site for a \$505 million plant for Great Lakes Cheese, and pointed out that there was a photo with the Vice President of the Technology Department of Great Lakes Cheese alongside the Cattaraugus County Industrial Development Agency Executive Director. Legislator Healy stated that not only did they drop the ball, but that there are questions to the status of their pilots, and that it would be nice to have a Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss some of these issues, as well as the representation of the County on the IDA Board. Legislator Healy stated that he knows most of the members of the IDA Board and thinks highly of them, but there are three from Cuba, two from Wellsville, and one from Fillmore without any representation from District III or District V. Legislator Healy stated that while it is not in their bylaws to include all districts on their Board, he believes there are qualified individuals from Districts III and V that would be willing to serve. Legislator Healy stated that he represents five other Towns in his District that have ties to Cattaraugus County and particularly the Olean area, explaining that there may be subconscious biases that enter into this decision. A motion was made by Legislator Healy to table the appointments, seconded by Legislator Ricci. Legislator Harris requested a Roll Call Vote. The motion to table was carried with 5 Ayes, 3 Noes, and 1 Absent.

Appointments to the Planning Board

The Chairman of the Board plans to reappointment the following members to the Planning Board for a term commencing January 1, 2022, and expiring December 31, 2024:

Charles Jessup, Alfred
Amanda Joyce-Phelps, Andover
Jean Louis (John) Roederer, Houghton
Robert Thompson, Scio (Amity – District II)

The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Curran, seconded by Legislator Ricketts-Swales, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Ex-Officio Appointments to the Planning Board

The Chairman of the Board plans to make the annual ex-officio appointments to the Planning Board as follows:

Justin Henry, Public Works Superintendent, Almond
Terri L. Ross, County Treasurer, Angelica
Brooke Harris, Ways & Means Committee Chairman, Alfred

The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Curran, seconded by Legislator Hanchett, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:13 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Curran, seconded by Legislator Ricci, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Tiffany Linn, Confidential Secretary
Allegany County Board of Legislators