

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
March 18, 2022

Committee Members Present: P. Curran, A. Cyr, G. Barnes, D. Fanton, G. Hanchett, P. Stockin,
(Absent: J. Ricketts-Swales)

Others Present: C. Braack, A. Carrow, K. Demick, K. Dirlam, B. Harris, S. Havey, D. Healy, K. Hooker,
C. Knapp, T. Linn, B. Perkins, J. Ricci, B. Riehle, D. Root, T. Ross, J. Rumfelt

Call to Order: Resource Management Committee Chairman Philip Curran called the meeting to order at
1:04 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Legislator Hanchett, seconded by Legislator Cyr, and carried to approve
the February 16, 2022, Resource Management Committee minutes.

COUNTY HISTORIAN

County Historian Craig Braack attended the meeting and submitted his monthly report to the
committee for review. Mr. Braack stated that meetings and speaking engagements have been picking
back up slowly.

Past Legislators

Mr. Braack stated that there had been three prominent deaths that involved past County
Legislators during COVID-19: John Hasper, Delores Cross, and Leonard Watson. Mr. Braack stated that
these three did not have memorial or funeral services because of COVID-19. Mr. Braack explained that
all three individuals had Chaired the Board of Legislators, and that Mr. Watson was the last surviving
charter member, and encouraged everyone to take a look at the plaque next to the elevator on the ground
floor of the County Building with information about the building and these legislators.

Local History Anecdote

Mr. Braack stated that his historical story for today stemmed from a night in the early 1980s when
Wellsville was mentioned positively in the evening news broadcast of a major New York City news station.
Mr. Braack continued pointing out that David Garwood had also passed away in Wellsville on January 4,
2022. Mr. Braack recalled that he was a character of epic proportions. Mr. Braack stated that the obituary
mentioned David Garwood's father Gerald, which reminded him of a time he was listening to a news
broadcast in the 1950s. Mr. Braack explained that in the 1950s, the Buffalo News had a sports announcer
named Bill Mazer who went on to New York City to start the nation's first sports radio talk show. Mr.
Braack explained at that time, Sammons Communication in Wellsville carried Bill Mazer's talk show on
their channel line-up. Mr. Braack stated that after anchor John Roland finished his report, a nightly trivia
question had been sent in by listeners for Bill Mazer to answer. Mr. Braack stated that Bill Mazer was
rarely ever stumped, but the person who sent in the trivia question was Gerald Garwood and the question
asked was, who was the last man to box John L. Sullivan. Mr. Braack explained that Bill Mazer recited
all of the names of the boxers but could not recall the last man, and John Roland laughed and stated that
it was the undertaker. Mr. Braack stated that this is a wonderful story and speculated what Bill Mazer
would have to say if he were to visit Belfast today.

SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION

Soil and Water Conservation Executive Director Scott Torrey was unable to attend the meeting
but had previously submitted his monthly report to the committee for review.

YOUTH BUREAU

Youth Bureau Director Brian Perkins attended the meeting and submitted his monthly report to the committee for review.

State Youth Bureau Association

Mr. Perkins stated that Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) is proposing changes to their funding and reporting calendar. Mr. Perkins stated that changes have not been made yet, but that if they do, reimbursement rates would remain the same, but the reporting structure would change.

Governor's Youth Council

Mr. Perkins stated that Emily Schweigart of Andover will continue representing Allegany County on the Governor's Youth Council beginning April 1, 2022. Mr. Perkins stated that he is hopeful that he can bring Ms. Schweigart to a future committee meeting during the summer.

Bicycle Safety

Mr. Perkins stated that bicycle safety training has been scheduled through the 4-H program and will be getting a list of participating schools soon.

Save A Life Tour

Mr. Perkins stated that the Save a Life Tour stopped at Scio Central School that morning. Mr. Perkins explained that Scio is the first stop in Allegany County with more stops planned during the length of the tour. Mr. Perkins stated that some interesting things presented that morning were distracted driving simulations, and impairment simulations. Mr. Perkins stated that the impairment simulation used goggles to demonstrate delayed reactions while impaired, and that students were able to watch these reactions on a projected screen. Mr. Perkins stated that it is a pretty good program.

New York State Mentoring Program

Legislator Curran stated that the New York State Mentoring Program seemed like a duplication of Youth Compeer. Mr. Perkins agreed and explained that Melinda Sanderson from the New York State Mentoring Program is looking to expand her services by connecting with southern rural New York State counties. Mr. Perkins stated that Ms. Sanderson's services are free through government funding. Legislator Curran stated that it might be good to put her in touch with Youth Compeer.

CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Cornell Cooperative Extension Executive Director Laura Hunsberger was unable to attend the meeting but had previously submitted her monthly report to the committee for review.

Request to Apply for Grant Funding to Maintain Snowmobile Trails in Allegany County

County Administrator Carissa Knapp requested authorization to apply for funding through the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) to maintain the snowmobile trails in Allegany County. The 2022-2023 grant cycle follows the state fiscal year (4/1/2022-3/31/2023) and the anticipated funding amount is \$113,772 (same as current funding award) and has been allocated in the 2022 Budget. In addition, Ms. Knapp requested to extend the existing agreement with the Allegany County Federation of Snowmobilers, Inc. for snowmobile trail maintenance in Allegany County (Resolution #392-21) to follow the grant cycle (4/1/2022-3/31/2023) and for the Chairman to execute the agreement. As a grant requirement, the Allegany County Federation of Snowmobilers, Inc. entered into a Volunteer Stewardship Agreement with the New York State Department of Environmental

Conservation, with a term of December 17, 2019, to December 10, 2024. The anticipated grant funding is included in the 2022 Budget as follows:

Revenues (\$113,772)			
A7185.3089.00	AC Snowmobile Association – St Aid		\$113,772
Appropriations (\$113,772)			
A7185.483	NYS OPRHP funding award		\$113,772
		Total grant:	\$113,772

Committee Chairman Curran asked if records of expenses are kept. County Administrator Knapp stated that they do keep a record of expenses and that it is a requirement as part of the agreement. The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Cyr, seconded by Legislator Hanchett, and carried. **Refer to Ways and Means**

Request to Fill Recreation Leader and Lifeguards for Rushford Lake Beach

County Administrator Carissa Knapp requested permission to hire a Recreation Leader and up to ten Lifeguards as seasonal employees to oversee the public beach operations at Rushford Lake for the 2022 swim season. The public beach will open Memorial Day weekend, and will be open to the public on weekends through June 19. Beginning June 25, the beach will be open daily to the public from 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. This schedule will continue through Labor Day weekend. The beach will close for the season on September 6. Allegany County has a three-year lease agreement with the Rushford Lake Recreation District to oversee the public beach operations at Rushford Lake. The current lease agreement expires on December 31, 2024 (Resolution No. 16-22).

FISCAL IMPACT:

- Funding is included in the 2022 Budget (A7180.101- Beach and Pool - \$39,660)
- Recreation Leader at \$15.75 per hour = \$630 per week
- (Up to 10) Lifeguards at \$13.20 per hour
- The 2022 swim season is approximately 14 weeks in duration.

Legislator Hanchett asked how well the response had been to the job posting thus far. County Administrator Knapp stated that she is not certain, but they have hired the same person for the Recreation Leader several years in a row, and she believes that same person will apply again. The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Fanton, seconded by Legislator Barnes, and carried. **Refer to Ways and Means**

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Cyr, seconded by Legislator Fanton, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Tiffany Linn, Confidential Secretary
Allegany County Board of Legislators