

Planning & Development Committee
February 19, 2013
Minutes

Members Present: Committee Chair Barry Ormsby, Legislators Robert Thomas, Philip Reed, John Peck, Michael Behling, Robert Ferris, Chairwoman of the Board Carolyn Fitzpatrick

Others Present: Legislators Michael Montigelli, Michael Astafan, Jennie Adsit, Anthony Doldo, County Administrator Robert Hagemann, Deputy Administrator Michael Kaskan, County Attorney David Paulsen, Planning Director Don Canfield, Fire and Emergency Management Services Director Joseph Plummer, Highway Superintendent James Lawrence, Undersheriff Paul Trudeau, Accountant Anne Converse, Watertown Daily Times Reporter Daniel Flatley, Senior Typist Torri Richmire

Chairman Ormsby called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. The minutes of the January meeting were approved without objection or correction.

Chairman Ormsby introduced a resolution recognizing additional revenue from the New York State Snowmobile Trails Grant-In-Aid Program and amending the 2013 Budget in relation thereto and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Reed and seconded by Legislator Peck. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Ormsby introduced a resolution approving a Memorandum of Understanding in relation to a 2011-12 NYS Local Government Efficiency (LGE) Grant Application and Award to conduct an evaluation of Service Delivery Efficiencies for Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Technology and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Ferris and seconded by Legislator Behling. Planning Director Donald Canfield advised that this efficiency application is for Lewis, St. Lawrence and Jefferson Counties, City of Watertown, Tug Hill Commission and Development Authority of the North Country to look at deficiencies among GIS operations for those organizations. He stated that the benefits will allow localities to utilize those agencies GIS systems for various projects. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Ormsby introduced a resolution authorizing agreement with Essex County as lead county for the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) Regional Cleaner Greener Sustainability Plan and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Reed and seconded by Legislator Thomas. Planning Director Donald Canfield advised that this program is being implemented by NYSERDA in all Regional Economic Development Council regions throughout the state. It is an initiative to look at opportunities for improving energy sustainability, savings in terms of efficiency, and biomass opportunities. The project is being led by the Adirondack North Country Association as the local contractor with Essex County as the lead government agency. These stipends are being offered to counties within the

region to assist in providing background, demographic and local information as it relates to energy efficiency projects. He stated that the resolution is for up to \$8,000 in professional services that his office will use to update software and purchase audio video equipment. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Ormsby introduced a resolution authorizing appointments to the Jefferson-Lewis Workforce Investment Board and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Behling and seconded by Legislator Reed. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

There being no further business, on a motion by Legislator Reed seconded by Legislator Peck and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert F. Hagemann, III
Clerk of the Board