COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS MEETING MINUTES

January 24, 2019 - 10:30 P.M.- Conference Room #250

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PRESENT:

Committee: Cliff Moses, Joe Magliocca, and John Reinhardt

Absent: . Dave Jones, and Bill Zupan

County Staff: Karin Bump, Cindy Edick, Jenn Farwell, Samantha Field, Melissa Martel Felton, Scott Flaherty, KippHicks, Scott Ingmire, Becky Marsala, Sebastian Piedmont, Tom Reichel, Mark

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Meeting called to order at 10:32 P.M. by Moses.

A-1: The Committee unanimously approved the December 4th 2018 and January 3rd 2019 meeting minutes on a **MOTION** by Reinhardt and seconded by Magliocca at 10:33 A.M. 3/0/0

A-2: Scott Ingmire presented the Sales Tax Update as provided by Cindy Edick. The Actual Sales Tax Receipts data shows a deficit of approximately .67 percent for the year. Cindy sent an explanation for this decrease noting that there was a prior period adjustment in 2017 of \$1,597,227.00 resulting from an audit. The audit occurred in 2017 for the periods prior to 2013. While considering this adjustment, 2018 actually finished up in very good shape as compared to 2017.

A-3: Tom Reichel presented the Career Center Update. Unemployment started in January at 7.1 percent and dropped to only 4.4 percent in December of 2018. The center saw 7,431 visitors in 2018 per the 2018 Usage Overview Report. Reichel distributed the US Employment Snapshot which shows employment figures on a national basis.

A CFA grant has been awarded for \$96,000.00 and will be used to provide specialized training for 19 people in the areas of heavy equipment operators and CDLB drivers. MVCC and BOCES will work together to provide the training. This is a phenomenal opportunity for free intensive training, at no cost to the trainee which will result in immediate employment. Tom expressed gratitude to Kipp Hicks for his help making this happen, and Hicks returned the praise to the Workforce Development team. The program will be for Central NY Counties and interested parties can call the Career Center. There will be a public release soon.

A-4: Kipp Hicks presented the IDA Update. Canastota Wind Power is working on upgrades and reopening the Fenner Wind Farm with updated turbines. PILOT agreements are in discussion with all parties involved. The City of Oneida is requesting additional funding for sewer extensions due to the original estimates for infrastructure being obsolete (and therefore too low). The IDA is working on funding opportunities to help bridge the gap. Hicks will be keeping his eye on the Governor's Executive Budget which just came out. It shows potential for large amounts to be allocated for infrastructure and high tech projects. The "Plastic and Waste Tires to Energy" project is still moving forward. Mike Magnusson of KJM will be working with the Village of Chittenango on certain revolving loan funds that need to be more active, to prevent these funds from being unused or reverting back to the State.

A-5: Karin Bump presented the CCE Update. Karin noted that the Governor's Executive Budget included \$4 million for Cornell Cooperative Extension in the past and they are requesting that amount to be doubled in the SUNY budget through County Law 224 – Aid to Localities for Cornell Cooperative Extension. This additional funding would allow each County to hire an additional educator. CCE is watching the legislative interest increase in all thing "hemp" related. There will be a "Wood Lot" workshop on Saturday at the Walrod Farm to highlight wood lots as a possible income source for struggling farms. There will an Agricultural Mental Health Awareness meeting on February 1st in Morrisville. (See CCE Facebook or Website for information). There are upcoming workshops on identifying welfare and neglect issues pertaining to livestock and farm animals. The workshop in February will focus on equine, and the one in March will be about dairy. CCE has contacted Ted Halpin to help organize training of emergency response teams and law officers who may be called to a farm in the event of an emergency.

Jennifer Farwell presented the AED Update. The AED is administering a "mini" grant they received from Chobani. They will be providing lessons and information to 10 chosen producers who will (upon completion of this training) receive \$1500.00 each business to help them put these new skills into practice. AED held the first hemp growers meeting which had 98 attendees from 17 different counties. Three panelists spoke to help inform potential growers and provide accurate and real information and dispel any myths or unknowns about hemp production. CNY Hemp Processing had their ribbon cutting and they were selected to receive a CFA grant for expansion in 2020. There will be a new Statewide organizational agency for oversight regarding cannabis; similar to other "authority" organizations. There followed discussion regarding current and proposed legislation. There will be a meeting regarding Open Farm Day on February 12th to start planning for 2019 Open Farm Day to be held on July 27th.

A-6: Scott Flaherty presented the Tourism Update. Scott distributed a report showing the marketing traffic overview. The report contained graphs comparing 2017 targeted marketing results with 2018 results. Scott explained the tracking information as well as the various campaign topics; such as romance, weddings, meetings, and groups. A group handout was designed and shared that will be distributed at specific large events. Scott announced that yesterday was a meeting to work on the 5 year strategic plan. He said there were many interesting, exciting, and scary takeaways but it went well. One of the goals is to choose a new tag line that will lend itself to all facets of the marketing plan. Flaherty shared a few of the Food and Beverage 2.0 passports. There are 27 partners this time and it will be interesting to see how the sweepstakes component affects the project. Participants will still have discounts offered, but there is no purchase necessary to receive the stamps.

A-7: Scott Ingmire presented the Delphi Falls Update. A letter from the Office of Parks and Recreation was received regarding the grant. There will be a meeting set up with the trail design firm soon. Planning received a bill for County taxes due on the Delphi Falls property. Becky Marsala explained that the parcel was still in taxable status on March 1st. There was discussion on how to handle the bill and it was suggested that it get paid in full now, and a resolution could be considered to reimburse a portion back if appropriate.

Becky Marsala provided an update on a parcel in Madison (102-1-55) that she had brought before this committee at a prior meeting for consideration for inclusion in the auction. She contacted Joe Wisinski about it. He said it is an old gravel bed and the highway department will be doing a road project in that area and plans to pull gravel from there. It was determined that the parcel will not be included in the auction at this time.

A-8: The Committee authorized a resolution reappointing John Becker, Kipp Hicks, Scott Ingmire, Joseph Magliocca, Mary Ann Messinger, Cliff Moses, and Joseph Wisinski to the Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board on a <u>MOTION</u> by Magliocca and seconded by Reinhardt at 11:17 A.M. 3/0/0

A-9: The Committee approved a resolution authorizing submission of a grant application to the New York State Office of Community Renewal for Community Development Block Grant Funding on a **MOTION** by Magliocca and seconded by Moses at 11:18 A.M. 3/0/0

- A-10: The Committee approved a resolution authorizing the Chairman to sign the Multi-jurisdictional Chief Elected Officials Agreement for the operation of programs funded under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) for the Local Workforce Development Area of Herkimer, Madison & Oneida Counties on a **MOTION** by Reinhardt and seconded by Magliocca at 11:20 A.M 3/0/0
- A-11: The Committee authorized a resolution adopting the inclusion of certain parcels of predominately agricultural land in Certified Agricultural Districts on a **MOTION** by Magliocca and seconded by Reinhardt at 11:21 A.M. 3/0/0
- A-12: The Committee authorized a resolution appointing Steven J. Potter to the Madison County Industrial Development Agency on a **MOTION** by Reinhardt and seconded by Magliocca at 11:22 A.M. 3/0/0
- A-13: Magliocca made a <u>MOTION</u> and Reinhardt seconded that all of the above resolutions are to be included in the preferred agenda with the possible exception of the agricultural district resolution depending on the recommendation of Cindy Urtz; motion carried at 11:23 A.M. 3/0/0
- A-14: New Business: Scott Ingmire announced that the Buy Madison consultant will be coming to the next Planning Committee meeting on February 21st. After that meeting, a meeting with the Chambers in the county will take place to get the program moving forward.
- A-15: The next scheduled meeting of the Planning Committee will be February 21, 2019 at 10:30 A.M. in the Supervisors' Conference Room #250.
- A-16: The meeting was adjourned on a MOTION by Reinhardt and seconded by Magliocca at 11:25 A.M.

Respectfully submitted: Gwen Williamson

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