

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

March 21, 2019, 2019 – 10:30 A.M.- Conference Room #250

Supervisor	Present	Absent	Late	Time In
MOSES	X			
Jones		X		
Magliocca	X			
Reinhardt	X			
Zupan		X		

PRESENT:

Committee: **Cliff Moses**, Joe Magliocca, and John Reinhardt

Absent: . Dave Jones and Bill Zupan

Supervisors:

County Staff: Karin Bump, Cindy Edick, Melissa Martel Felton, KippHicks (10:37), Scott Ingmire, Jamie Kowalczk, Becky Marsala, Tom Reichel, Mark Scimone (11:16), and Gwen Williamson.

Meeting called to order at 10:30 A.M. by Moses.

A-1: The Committee unanimously approved the February 21, 2019 meeting minutes amended as follows:

In section A-5b, the phrase "Taste of NY" is to be changed to "Pride of NY".

Approved on a **MOTION** by Reinhardt and seconded by Magliocca at 10:31 A.M. 3/0/0.

A-2: Cindy Edick presented the Sales Tax Update. The actual sales tax receipts through March 13, 2019 show an increase of 3.92% over 2018.

Edick out 10:32

A-3: Tom Reichel presented the Career Center Update. The Customer Use Report was reviewed and discussed. The unemployment rate is 5.5%. Tom said that the CFA grant funded training program is right on track with 19-20 people selected for the training. Reichel noted that CENSUS is looking for 400 part-time workers in Madison County. There will be a career fair coming up soon, details to be announced as they are available. Tom hasn't heard from the greenhouse yet regarding any employment opportunities. Tom concluded by saying that every area of the economy needs workers right now.

A-4: Kipp Hicks presented the IDA Update. Hicks updated that the All Seasonings Company is doing very well and a new subordination request has come through for them in relation to our revolving loan with them. Kipp announced that the Green Empire Farms project is moving right along. There is an upcoming meeting for the Alliance for Economic Inclusion. The IDA application for Canastota Wind PILOT will be reviewed at the IDA board meeting next week. A commercial solar power producer contacted IDA regarding a utility investment for interconnection of local pump stations. The Peterboro / Canastota site was one of the locations picked. Hicks finished by saying that the next CFA (Consolidated Funding Application) Forum is April 2nd. Any company interested in applying is encouraged to contact Kipp.

A-5: Karin Bump presented the CCE Update. Karin distributed a hand-out outlining the internal plan of work at CCE. This report includes the mission, strategic priorities, and program plans through 2021. A second report highlighted specific programs and opportunities for impact to the farming community through a partnership with CNY Regional Team. Karin spoke about the Ag.in Classroom project, which was a "pilot" program last year. The program did not receive requested funding but CCE is trying to maintain it as much as possible. Through the program, the book "On the Farm at the Market" is being read to school children (1,152 children just this week) and the program is expanding. Bump handed out a spreadsheet listing current programs, with plans of work and outcomes expected. A few that she brought special attention to are as follows:

- CCE is working with Ted Halpin on Emergency Response Team for Ag. Community development.

- EDEN Certification Program has taken place; participants receive 10-15% off insurance rates.
- Farming for a New Generation (grant) is for matching people who want to farm with available farm land.
- Tax Credit for the Elderly (grant) provides free tax preparation for over 800 seniors in Madison County.

Karin explained that the list of Regional Team programs at the bottom of the spreadsheet has been expanded significantly. These teams are set up through Cornell.

CCE has been in discussion with Cazenovia and working on climate smart initiatives pertaining to agriculture. They have also been working on the Madison County Fair. They are trying to determine how to stimulate involvement. The Fair was awarded Federal funding through Ag. & Markets; \$96,000.00 has been received and the same amount is yet to be received. The money is allocated for drainage, equipment, and animal barn improvements. There are three vacancies on the Fair Board. This fair is not well attended and it was suggested that Tourism may be able to help promote it. Moses suggested Karin meet with John Becker for his input.

A-6: Scott Ingmire presented the Tourism Update on behalf of Scott Flaherty. There are four advertising campaigns launching next week. The strategic plan is nearly finished and will be unveiled at the Annual Meeting and Membership Social on April 18th at the Cazenovia Hampton Inn.

Becky Marsala provided a report on Air Bnb. She had agreed to look into the accuracy of the New York State Hospitality and Tourism reports regarding Air Bnb properties in Madison County and their impact calculations. Becky's staff did the research and found that of the 243 listings on the report, 44 were not located within Madison County, many listings were duplicated and some are already registered. She recalculated the number of properties to be 111, 62 of which are registered.

Marsala out

A-7: Scott Ingmire presented the Planning Update. Ingmire gave a quick report that the department is gearing up for several upcoming grants. Information will be relayed as things kick into gear.

A-8: The Committee authorized a resolution extending an agreement with EMJ Premier Services LLC on a **MOTION** by Magliocca and seconded by Reinhardt at 11:12 A.M. 3/0/0

A-9: The Committee approved a resolution authorizing an agreement with the New York Power Authority regarding "Reimagine the Canals" on a **MOTION** by Magliocca and seconded by Reinhardt at 11:14 A.M. 3/0/0

A-12 – Both of the above resolutions to be included in the preferred agenda.

A-11: The Habitat for Humanity, now defunct, has offered to give \$100,000.00 to Madison County. The County is looking at legal possibilities on how to accept this funding and be the "pass-through" mechanism for projects with a similar purpose within Madison County.

A-13: There is no new business.

A-10: Mark Scimone stated that Pace Financing thanked the County for the feedback, and they have decided to NOT move forward with the funding for Cazenovia College.

A-14: The next scheduled Planning Committee meeting is April 18, 2019 at 10:30 A.M. in the Supervisor's Conference Room #250.

A-15: The meeting was adjourned on a **MOTION** by Magliocca and seconded by Reinhardt at 11:18 A.M. 3/0/0

Respectfully submitted: Gwen Williamson

Sign in Sheet

Planning, Eco. Dev., Environ. & Intergov. Affairs	
Date of Meeting:	3/21/2019
Cliff Moses	<i>Cliff Moses</i>
Dave Jones	
Joe Magliocca	<i>Joe Magliocca</i>
John Reinhardt	<i>John Reinhardt</i>
Bill Zupan	

Others Present:

NAME AND AFFILIATION

Sharon Williamson MC Planning Dept
Scott Tynore
Tom Reinhold
Rebecca Skorsala, Treasurer
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Michael Edick
William J. Morgan - Milton - County Attorney
Greg Hill
Mark Romano