

STEBEN COUNTY AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 2, 2013

9:00 a.m.

*Legislative Committee Room
Steuben County Office Building
Bath, New York*

****MINUTES****

COMMITTEE: Thomas J. Ryan, Chair Randolph J. Weaver, Vice Chair Robin K. Lattimer
William A. Peoples

STAFF: Jack Wheeler Bill Partridge Amy Dlugos
Jim Gleason Shawn Corey

LEGISLATORS: Joseph J. Hauryski Carol A. Ferratella

ABSENT: Dan C. Farrand

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Ryan called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 5, 2012, MEETING MADE BY MR. WEAVER. SECONDED BY MR. PEOPLES. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 3-0. (MS. LATTIMER ABSENT FOR VOTE)

III. DEPARTMENTAL REQUESTS

A. Buildings & Grounds

1. **2013 Maintenance Contract Renewals** – Mr. Partridge presented his 2013 contract renewals for approval. He commented that there is a \$30.00 increase in the contract with Imperial Door Controls for the inspection and maintenance on the power door operators. There was also a \$150.00 increase in the contract with Southern Tier Fire Extinguisher for the testing and maintenance of the fire extinguishers.

MOTION: APPROVING THE FOLLOWING 2013 MAINTENANCE CONTRACT RENEWALS FOR THE BUILDINGS & GROUNDS DEPARTMENT: ADVANCED SAFETY SYSTEMS – INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE FOR FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEM FOR COMPUTER ROOM (\$1,040.00); DAVIS ULMER SPRINKLER – INSPECTION AND TESTING OF SPRINKLER SYSTEM AND BACK FLOW PREVENTERS AT PULTENEY SQUARE COMPLEX, HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING AND 911 CENTER (\$3,485.00); DAVIS-ULMER - INSPECTION, TESTING AND MONITORING OF FIRE ALARM SYSTEM AT PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING, HORNELL LOCATION (\$688.00); DAVIS-ULMER - INSPECTION AND TESTING OF SPRINKLER SYSTEM AT PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING (\$1,760.00); EASTERN SECURITY – INSPECTION, TESTING, MAINTENANCE AND MONITORING OF FIRE AND SECURITY SYSTEM IN HORNELL COURTHOUSE, CORNING COURTHOUSE AND BALCOM HOUSE (\$2,951.40); EMERGENCY POWER SYSTEMS – MAINTENANCE OF GENERATOR AT THE 911 CENTER AND CIVIL DEFENSE BUILDING (\$875.00 911; \$575.00 CIVIL DEFENSE); FIRE ALARM SERVICE TECHNOLOGY – MONITORING, INSPECTION, TESTING AND MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS AND MONITORING EQUIPMENT AT THE MAIN OFFICE BUILDING, BATH COURTHOUSE, COUNTY CLERK, SURROGATES AND THE HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING (\$3,762.00); HOLEVINSKI MECHANICAL & SALVAGE, LLC – SNOW REMOVAL (\$100.00/PLOW HORNELL COURTHOUSE, \$60.00/PLOW 7604 SENECA ROAD NORTH, HORNELL); IMPERIAL DOOR CONTROLS – INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE ON POWER DOOR OPERATORS (\$480.00); SDS OF NY – REFUSE REMOVAL

(\$780.00 HORNELL COURTHOUSE, \$686.64 CORNING COURTHOUSE); SOUTHERN TIER FIRE EXTINGUISHER – TESTING AND MAINTENANCE OF THE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS (\$500.00); AND WEST FIRE SYSTEMS, INC. – TESTING AND MAINTENANCE OF THE 911 FIRE ALARM (\$900.00) MADE BY MR. WEAVER. SECONDED BY MS. LATTIMER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

2. **AC Maintenance Bid** – Mr. Partridge stated they received one response back from Trane, who has been providing this service for the last five years and have done an excellent job. He recommended awarding the bid to Trane for \$32,500.00 for the County Office Building and \$18,270.00 for the Public Safety Building. He stated this will be a one-year contract with the option for four renewals.

MOTION: AWARDING THE BID FOR THE AC MAINTENANCE AT THE COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING AND THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING TO THE TRANE COMPANY FOR \$32,500.00 FOR THE COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING AND \$18,270.00 FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING WITH THE OPTION FOR FOUR, ONE-YEAR RENEWALS MADE BY MR. WEAVER. SECONDED BY MS. LATTIMER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

3. **2013 Capital Project** – Mr. Partridge requested authorization to solicit bids for the 911 HVAC Controls Upgrade project. He stated that he has \$14,000.00 budgeted for this project.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE SUPERINTENDENT OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR THE 911 HVAC CONTROLS UPGRADE PROJECT MADE BY MS. LATTIMER. SECONDED BY MR. WEAVER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

A. **Changing the Date of the February Meeting** – Mr. Ryan stated that due to the NYSAC Conference being held the first week in February, we need to change the date of the meeting. It has been suggested that the meeting be held the following Wednesday, on February 13, 2013. The committee was in agreement with holding the February meeting on Wednesday, February 13, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. WEAVER. SECONDED BY MR. PEOPLES. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted by

Amanda L. Chapman
Deputy Clerk
Steuben County Legislature

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR

****PLEASE NOTE CHANGE**Wednesday, February 13, 2013 @ 9:00 a.m.**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE****

**Please send agenda items to the Clerk of the Legislature's Office
NO LATER THAN NOON on Wednesday, January 30, 2013.**

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LEGISLATORS: Joseph J. Hauryski

OTHERS: James Johnson, Executive Director, Steuben County Industrial Development Agency
Charles Peacock, Steuben County Industrial Development Agency
Jeff Parker, Steuben County Soil & Water Conservation District
Jonathan Barter, Steuben County Soil & Water Conservation District
Tom Tomsa, Cornell Cooperative Extension
Dan Hubbard, Steuben County Farm Bureau
Karen Hubbard, Steuben County Farm Bureau

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Ryan called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and asked Mr. Partridge to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 2, 2013, MEETING MADE BY MR. WEAVER. SECONDED BY MS. LATTIMER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

Mr. Ryan stated that he received a memo from Chairman Hauryski outlining our goals for this year. He reviewed the list of goals with the committee and asked that if anyone had any other ideas or items, to please let him know.

III. OUTSIDE AGENCY REQUESTS

A. Cornell Cooperative Extension

1. **Development of Food Hub/Co-Packing Venture** – Mr. Tomsa distributed a handout and gave a brief presentation regarding the development of a food hub/co-packing venture. The goals of a food hub are to facilitate the flow of local meat and produce from many small farms into orders that satisfy the requirements of large buyers and outlets for individual consumers who want source-identified local/regional food products. Additionally, food hubs prepare/process regional foods specifically for institutional buyers such as schools and hospitals. Food hubs can also increase access to fresh, healthy foods by widening the distribution opportunities for small to mid-sized products and help to develop group banding and certification efforts that can add value to products and meet expectations for food integrity. Mr. Farrand stated that while he was in Albany, he heard that the Governor had included money in the budget to establish food hubs. He asked if Mr. Tomsa had heard about that. Mr. Tomsa replied that yes, he had heard that. Mr. Ryan stated that while he was in attendance at the NYSAC conference, he learned that in our immediate area there are three food hubs doing well and each have received over \$1 million in grants from the Rural Initiative Fund. There are facilities in Ithaca, Madison County and the Finger Lakes – Challenge Industries. We talked about the idea of starting a mini hub and feeding into one of those existing facilities.

Mr. Johnson stated that with regard to funding, there is a lot of funding coming through the Economic Development Council and the CFA process. The Governor announced three grants which totaled \$3 million. The challenge with this is to identify who will operate and develop the business model. There has been a proven history of Governor and regional council funding for this. Locally, our region secured \$2.5 million in the first round and \$1.5 million in the second round, specifically to agricultural based and rural types of projects. Challenge Industries applied for a rural initiative and CFA grant. They have gotten grant assistance and pulled in local money through the regional council. The question becomes what are the economic needs of the individual programs. There are various models to look at. Has any data been collected on the economy of what the products are worth? That will be an important aspect.

Mr. Tomsa replied that there is some data as to what producers would increase their production to. We could go back and get the values. A lot of the producers said they would increase production if they knew there would be a market, however, at this point we couldn't get a total potential. Mr. Johnson stated it would be easy to extrapolate those numbers if we knew the quantities. From an economic standpoint, we need to pull together that information. Mr. Tomsa stated we are an educational program. Anything we get involved in with regard to being a grant applicant, we have to be able to defend our role with education. Mr. Ryan stated there are many different agencies. How do we pull it together and get them to all work together? Mr. Tomsa replied it is easy to pull together the information. We need to identify the entity that will be the lead. Mr. Ryan stated the County is interested in helping, but as far as money, we don't have any to put into this project.

Mr. Johnson stated he has discussed this with Mr. Hauryski and the big question is who will operate it. Getting the information is easy and in terms of getting funding, we know where the money is. The hurdle is who will operate. Mr. Farrand stated that if tourism was involved, you could use them as an attraction to bring people in from the cities. Mr. Ryan stated that Ms. Coleman had alluded that there may possibly be money in their area to do that. Mr. Barter asked can you advertise and invite applicants to run a food hub? Mr. Weaver commented the first step is to figure out who will run it. Then you would want to do a feasibility study to find out if most of the market would be in or out of the County. If it is outside of the County, then there would be additional costs. Mr. Johnson stated we need to have a better understanding of the value of the products in Steuben County.

Mr. Hauryski stated that he is glad to hear this conversation and it is good to hear from both Cooperative Extension and the Steuben County Industrial Development Agency. The question now is how are we going to reach out to the producers to form a cooperative? We need to do the work to find out if there is interest out there. Mr. Ryan asked that Mr. Tomsa come back next month for a discussion about how the cooperatives may be formed and to also discuss potential business models. Ms. Lattimer stated that next month she would also like to get more input from the Farm Bureau.

Mr. Hubbard stated that with regard to the discussion about making a meat packing facility, we already have businessmen out there and we want to be careful. He stated that he has been in farming for 30 years, and they have wanted to go to New York City and find an area where we can get a cooperative set up. The thing about Hunts Point which scares him is the security of the payments and you don't have a contact. Discussion followed.

Mr. Farrand was excused from the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

B. Steuben County Industrial Development Agency

1. **Introduction** – Mr. Johnson introduced Charles Peacock who was hired four weeks ago. Mr. Peacock was hired to assist and focus on business and community development throughout the County.

2. **Food Hub Discussion** – Mr. Johnson stated that with regard to food hubs and available markets, he would suggest not focusing so much on New York City. There are also institutional buyers. Mr. Peacock stated that in the Rural Futures Magazine, there is an excellent USDA study as well as a regional food hub resource guide that may be of interest.

3. **Activity Update** – Mr. Johnson stated there was not a lot of activity during September and October, however it did start to pick up after the Election and since the beginning of the year they have been very busy.

a. *Wayland Business Park* – We are in the final engineering stage and expect the bid for the water and sewer extension to go out within the next two to three weeks.

b. *IDA Park – Bath* – We have been working through some deed issues.

c. *Guthrie* – We reviewed the subdivision application for the Town of Bath. They plan to break ground when the weather changes. The Public Works crew has done a great job of clearing the right-of-way. The preliminary site work is being done now.

d. *Sale of Property* – Mr. Johnson stated that one requirement for the sale of the County property is that there is notification to the County. As part of the notification process, we are selling 3+/- acres to Lynn Hough. This property extends behind the old Stanbury's and they will use that additional property for parking and storage. We do have a permanent access easement through this property.

e. *Water Extension Town of Urbana/Village of Hammondsport* – Mr. Johnson stated they have been involved in the water extension project for the Town of Urbana and the Village of Hammondsport. They want to extend water to the Curtiss Museum and all the business along that section of Route 54.

f. *Phillips* – Mr. Johnson stated they are starting to get more information. The company is still producing and we will continue to work with them.

g. *Change to Sales Tax Benefits to IDA's* – Mr. Johnson stated that he would like to thank the County for your support on the removal of the proposal to change the sales tax benefit to the IDA. We have 40 active projects that have PILOTS. Under the Governor's proposal, 20 of those projects would not have been eligible for the State sales tax exemption. With these projects, that represents a \$600 million investment in Steuben County alone. We need to keep the pressure on. We are getting feedback that this is being looked at.

4. **Community Development Block Grant** – Mr. Johnson informed the committee that they have been working closely with World Kitchen, who is doing phenomenal, and is at almost 700 employees. They are making 300,000 plates per day and all of them are going to the Asian market. An \$11.00 plate here is going for \$20.00 - \$30.00 in the Asian market. There is \$284,000 in funding available from the Office of Home and Community Renewal to help them install another production line. This is a \$10 million investment. The production line will provide 20 new jobs. He stated that Mr. Peacock will actually be managing the grant process for us and this has to come to the County for approval.

Mr. Peacock explained with this grant there has to be a municipal sponsor and also requires a resolution by the County to accept this funding. There are also public notice requirements. There would be an agreement between the County and the Steuben County Industrial Development Agency that will allow us to manage the grant for you. There will also be agreements between World Kitchen and the County.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE STEUBEN COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$284,000.00 FOR WORLD KITCHEN MADE BY MS. LATTIMER. SECONDED BY MR. PEOPLES. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0. (MR. FARRAND ABSENT FOR VOTE) Resolution Required.

Mr. Ryan stated a couple of months ago the Committee toured Dresser-Rand and one of the discussions was the fact that they cannot find machinists. As a County, are we looking forward and looking at this issue? Mr. Johnson replied this is not a County issue, this is a national issue. As a country we are doing a bad job of getting our children interested in manufacturing. The business community has some responsibility in this as well as they don't open their doors and show the opportunities. He stated that he doesn't have any answers, but Corning Community College and CSS Workforce Development are both working on this issue. The Phillips workforce average age is 56 with 20 years of experience. There are other businesses that are facing that as well. The baby boomers are retiring and we don't have enough people to backfill their positions. Discussion followed.

C. Soil & Water Conservation District

1. **Marsh Ditch Watershed District Board Appointments** – Mr. Parker submitted the names of Steve Hoeffner and William J. Phelps for reappointment to the Marsh Ditch Watershed District Board. These are four year terms which will expire December 31, 2016.

MOTION: RECOMMENDING THE APPOINTMENT OF STEVE HOFFNER AND WILLIAM J. PHELPS TO THE MARSH DITCH WATERSHED DISTRICT BOARD MADE BY MS. LATTIMER. SECONDED BY MR. PEOPLES. MOTION CARRIES 3-1. (MR. WEAVER OPPOSED; MR. FARRAND ABSENT FOR VOTE) Resolution Required.

2. **Biomass Update** - Mr. Ryan stated that due to the time constraints and the fact that the HSH&E Committee was scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m., he asked Mr. Parker to come back next month to provide the committee with his update on Biomass.

IV. DEPARTMENTAL REQUESTS

A. Planning

1. **Land Submitted for Inclusion in Certified Agricultural Districts** – Mrs. Dlugos stated it is that time of the year for the inclusion of land into certified agricultural districts.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING ON LAND SUBMITTED FOR INCLUSION ON CERTIFIED AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT DURING THE 2013 ANNUAL THIRTY-DAY PERIOD MADE BY MR. WEAVER. SECONDED BY MR. PEOPLES. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0. (MR. FARRAND ABSENT FOR VOTE) Resolution Required.

B. Buildings & Grounds

1. **AC Maintenance Bid** – Mr. Gleason stated last month the committee awarded the bid for the AC Maintenance. We received notification from *The Evening Tribune* that they failed to publish the legal notice. We publish legal notices for all RFP's and bids in *The Corning Leader* and *The Evening Tribune*. He recommended rescinding the previous bid award and waiving, on a one-time basis, the County procurement policy and accepting the proposal from TRANE for the AC Maintenance.

MOTION: RESCINDING THE PRIOR AWARD OF THE AC MAINTENANCE BID AND WAIVING THE COUNTY PROCUREMENT POLICY ON A ONE-TIME BASIS, AND ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL FROM TRANE FOR AC MAINTENANCE FOR A COST OF \$32,500.00 FOR THE COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING AND \$18,270.00 FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING WITH THE OPTION FOR FOUR ONE-YEAR RENEWALS MADE BY MR. WEAVER. SECONDED BY MS. LATTIMER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

2. **Bath Courthouse Interior Paint Bid** – Mr. Partridge informed the committee that they received seven responses. He recommended awarding the bid to the low bidder, John H. Cook, Jr. for a total price of \$25,311.00.

MOTION: AWARDING THE BID FOR THE INTERIOR PAINTING OF THE BATH COURTHOUSE TO THE LOW BIDDER, JOHN H. COOK, JR. FOR A TOTAL PRICE OF \$25,311.00 MADE BY MR. WEAVER. SECONDED BY MS. LATTIMER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

3. **Personnel – Reclassification** – Ms. Smith informed the committee they have two reclassifications. The first is the reclassification of a Grade IX Building Maintenance Mechanic to a Grade VII Maintenance Person. The second request is for the reclassification of a Grade V Laborer to a Grade V Cleaner. Both positions are currently vacant.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE RECLASSIFICATION OF A VACANT BUILDING MAINTENANCE MECHANIC POSITION, GRADE IX TO A MAINTENANCE PERSON, GRADE VII AND A VACANT LABORER POSITION, GRADE V TO A CLEANER, GRADE V MADE BY MR. WEAVER. SECONDED BY MS. LATTIMER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0. (MR. FARRAND ABSENT FOR VOTE)

- C. Historian
1. **Hall of Fame**

MOTION: TO ADJOURN REGULAR SESSION AND RECONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO PUBLIC OFFICERS' LAW, ARTICLE 7§ 105.1.F. THE MEDICAL, FINANCIAL, CREDIT OR EMPLOYMENT HISTORY OF A PARTICULAR PERSON OR CORPORATION, OR MATTERS LEADING TO THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, PROMOTION, DEMOTION, DISCIPLINE, SUSPENSION, DISMISSAL OR REMOVAL OF A PARTICULAR PERSON OR CORPORATION MADE BY MR. WEAVER. SECONDED BY MS. LATTIMER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0. (MR. FARRAND ABSENT FOR VOTE)

MOTION: FORWARDING TO THE FULL LEGISLATURE THE NAMES OF THE RECOMMENDED INDUCTEES INTO THE 2013 HALL OF FAME MADE BY MS. LATTIMER. SECONDED BY MR. WEAVER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENE IN REGULAR SESSION MADE BY MR. WEAVER. SECONDED BY MR. PEOPLES. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0. (MR. FARRAND ABSENT FOR VOTE)

MOTION: TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. PEOPLES. SECONDED BY MS. LATTIMER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0. (MR. FARRAND ABSENT FOR VOTE)

Respectfully Submitted by

Amanda L. Chapman
Deputy Clerk
Steuben County Legislature

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR

****PLEASE NOTE CHANGE**Wednesday, March 6, 2013 @ 10:00 a.m.**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE****

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MINUTES

Committee: Thomas J. Ryan, Chair Dan C. Farrand William Peoples Robin Lattimer

Legislators: Joseph J. Hauryski Aaron Mullen Carol Ferratella

Staff: Mark R. Alger Jack wheeler Amy Dlugos

Other: Jamie Johnson, SCIDA Jeff Parker, Soil & Water Tom Tomsa, Cooperative Extension
Charles Peacock, SCIDA Jonathan Barter, RC&D

Absent: Randy Weaver, Vice Chair

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Ryan called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and asked Mr. Wheeler to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 13, 2013, MEETING MADE BY MS. LATTIMER. SECONDED BY MR. FARRAND. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

III. OUTSIDE AGENCY REQUESTS

A. Soil & Water Conservation District

1. **Biomass Update** – Mr. Parker stated we wanted to give you the opportunity to hear about the biomass project and its progress. He noted that Mr. Barter is now the RC&D Coordinator. RC&D (Resource, Conservation & Development) was the Federal arm of the National Resource Conservation Development Council. They stopped funding them so rather than have it fold, we felt it was necessary to keep it going. There are 6 member counties and we are folding the biomass project into that; RC&D will be the lead agency. This helps us with securing grant funding.

Mr. Barter stated biomass is a key word in renewable energies. There are various uses for it. Being in this area of New York State, the rationale has been that we have excellent grass growing potential here. In this case, biomass would be used for heating and power generation. That is the premise and implementing it is the hurdle. It is a new technology and people are skeptical about it. We have hit some obstacles as it is currently perceived that the emissions from burning this form of biomass are bad for the environment. We submitted an application to NYSERDA and they have been most interested in developing it; they really can set the tone for what can and cannot be done. The application was to purchase equipment for the manufacturing of grasses. Unfortunately, that application was turned down so we had a meeting with them to find out why. Principally, it was because according to the studies NYSERDA had, unhealthy emissions levels would be produced. Obviously we do not want to do something that is bad for the environment so we began looking for a boiler that had lower emissions.

Mr. Barter stated some of the SUNY schools are testing the emissions of boilers using grasses. That led us to respond to a recent proposal to use a boiler that is of European design. The Europeans have come close to reducing emissions on grass burning. There is a facility in Kansas with this type of boiler.

Mr. Barter stated along the lines of potential consumers, we have talked to a number of schools and hospitals who are or have already embraced biomass combustion systems. There is a lot of interest. The biggest obstacle is the

cost of switching from a conventional boiler system to the biomass combustion system. We feel comfortable on the market opportunities. We just need to prove it is a safe technology.

Ms. Lattimer asked does anybody in the state use this technology yet? Mr. Barter stated Hudson Valley has equipment to produce the fuel, and there is Ernst Biomass in Erie, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Peoples asked why is the push for biomass if we can't burn it safely? Doesn't that put the cart before the horse? Mr. Barter stated New York State has been adding to their biomass inventory over the past few years, but they are using wood. My argument is we can use grass instead of wood or in addition to wood. Discussion followed.

Mr. Ryan asked what kind of progress have you made with these institutions changing over? Mr. Barter stated the VA has listed grass as their preference for their new system.

Mr. Mullen asked where do you plan on locating your hub? Mr. Barter stated we would like a mobile scenario where you go from place to place. The fuel would be produced in a location and trucked to consumers. Ms. Lattimer asked when will NYSERDA's next round of funding be awarded? Mr. Barter stated in April or May.

B. Steuben County Industrial Development Agency

1. **Activity Update** – Mr. Johnson stated it's interesting to hear that New York State continues its trend of making decisions on old or flawed data. You may be aware that New York State is the only state in the country who will not allow for the transportation or storage of liquefied natural gas. This law was passed following a single incident where a worker was killed at a liquefied natural gas storage facility back in the 1970's. Dresser Rand has come up with a design for the storage of liquefied natural gas, but they don't know if they can even test the units in New York State. We are attempting to overcome this by trying to get an answer from the State to see if they could test them on site if they are built here.

a. *Painted Post* – Mr. Johnson stated last week, the IDA approved applications for Erwin Hospitalities to build a new hotel in Painted Post, and an expansion for Tops there as well. The result should be a total of 100 jobs created. As important, both of those projects would not be eligible for the State sales tax exemption under the Governor's current budget proposal. If they lose the incentive, it will result in a \$100,000 hit on this ten million dollar project. Discussion followed.

Mr. Johnson stated under the new proposal, the Governor wants to limit what projects can qualify for the State portion of the sales tax exemption. It would be limited to manufacturing projects or back door projects. You wouldn't be able to do downtown revitalization projects. Also, there is no longer an exemption but a refund, which is claimed after the project is done. It is time consuming and 90 percent of the time you will have to go through a sales tax audit to obtain that refund. It isn't business friendly. Also, you would have to get approval of the State Economic Development Council and the Regional Economic Development Council. Discussion followed.

Mr. Johnson noted that they are hearing that the Governor desperately wants a compromise on this, but he's not acting that way. We can use the World Kitchen project as an example. They are investing \$10 million in this expansion but it will only create 20 new jobs initially. Therefore, it would not be eligible for the sales tax exemption incentive under the Governor's budget.

Ms. Lattimer stated we need the economic tool for development and taking it away is only going to tie our hands. Mr. Johnson stated we have 40 projects going right now and only 20 of them will qualify if this is approved. Again, this is New York State making decisions on flawed data.

b. *Marsh Hill Project* – Mr. Johnson stated the Marsh Hill project is a wind project in Jasper. The community is excited about it. However, once that project happens, it will use all of the capacity in the transmission system for that area of the county. This means the Woodhull, Troupsburg, Greenwood and West Union projects will all go away. This is a problem with wind development in the County. If we could get NYSEG to update their system up there, we could have more wind projects in that area. Therefore, he'd like the IDA to

take a harder look at what the cost would be to expand the system or update it. We will meet with NYSEG so we can better understand what can and cannot be done. Discussion followed.

c. *Community Development Block Grant/World Kitchen* – Mr. Johnson stated last month we asked for a resolution regarding the World Kitchen project. Mr. Peacock stated unfortunately, there needed to be a public hearing held for the opportunity to speak on the project. Therefore, we'll need another resolution and the public hearing will be held here on March 14th in the F-1 conference room. He requested the Committee reauthorize that resolution after the public hearing.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE STEUBEN COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$284,000.00 FOR WORLD KITCHEN MADE BY MR. FARRAND. SECONDED BY MS. LATTIMER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0. Resolution Required.

d. *Regional Foreign Trade Zone Education* – Mr. Johnson stated as you know, the County has supported our application for Foreign Trade Zone passage with Ontario County. This is a regional foreign trade zone with Ontario and adjoining counties. We will be reaching out to the businesses in the area so they can take advantage of it. Mr. Peacock stated we will be holding a presentation on the FTZ on April 10th at 9:00 a.m. at the IDA offices. He stated there may be a significant number that express interest and if so, we may be looking for a new venue. A consulting company will be doing the presentation.

e. *Kmart Plaza, Hampton Inn* – Mr. Johnson stated we did a unique structure with their PILOT at the company's request. They want a shortened PILOT but an abatement of 90%. Ironically, in the first ten years there is only a \$50,000 gap between the 10 year PILOT and our normal 20 year PILOT. It provides the communities with additional tax revenue that they wouldn't have received under the 20 year PILOT. He thinks they'll see more of that type of package coming out of his office. The businesses like it because they get their revenue up front and it's better for the communities. Discussion followed.

Mr. Ryan asked if there is something we can do to help with the liquefied natural gas solution. Mr. Johnson stated the company is requesting a ruling from the State by formal letter. Once he receives a copy of that letter, he will look to the County for support. In addition, Senator O'Mara is supporting a bill to change that law.

C. Cornell Cooperative Extension

1. **Development of Food Hub/Co-packing Venture** – Mr. Tomsa pointed to the Rural Futures newsletter and the article stating how biomass is the future for New York State. Right along with the presentation on the emissions concerns, the article stated there were ways to mitigate that by going along with this technology. It is frustrating that the State throws up a road block rather than addressing these issues.

Mr. Tomsa stated he tried looking into the four food hubs that were funded by the State but it is so new, it is hard to find any information on them. He spent some time finding examples for a business plan, an extensive feasibility study and going through a lot of resources. The state and federal government does have a lot of resources. The problem is the financial resources are all closed. He stated that he doesn't know what the potential for those will be with the sequestration. When Congress struck their budget deal at the end of the year, we lost a big chunk of USDA funding for one of our federally funded nutrition programs. This boils down to a conversation with Ms. Dlugos about the potential to update the County's Agriculture and Farmland Protection plan. This is a perfect match to look at getting a consultant to do a feasibility study and if we can get the update to the plan to focus on the feasibility study for the food hub, it would be very beneficial. The feasibility study would do the supply and demand analysis and viability structure. Discussion followed.

Mr. Tomsa noted the Rural Futures focus on wine, beer and distillery distribution. We recently were able to participate in a webinar on a distilling program. He noted that a distilling workshop will be held in Bethel, NY, and we will try to get some of our potato farmers with significant wastes to attend this workshop. We hope to see some traction there.

Ms. Lattimer suggested Mr. Tomsa touch base with Pat Hooker at Empire State Development regarding the Food Hub project.

IV. DEPARTMENTAL REQUESTS

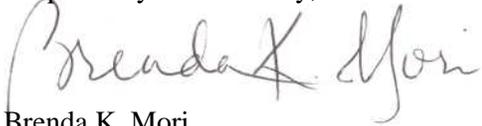
A. Planning Department – Ms. Dlugos stated since our Agriculture and Farmland Protection plan is more than 10 years old, we qualify for funding to update it. Over the past 10 years, they’ve changed our emphasis to target some of these agriculture projects. They really have changed the outlook to strategic short plans with projects to go to the economic development councils. She’s working with State Agriculture and Markets and local parties on that.

1. **Addition of Agricultural Lands to Certified Agricultural Districts** – Mrs. Dlugos requested approval to add parcels to the various agricultural districts.

MOTION: APPROVING THE ADDITION OF AGRICULTURAL LANDS TO CERTIFIED AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS MADE BY MR. PEOPLES. SECONDED BY MR. FARRAND. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0. Resolution Required.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MS. LATTIMER. SECONDED BY MR. PEOPLES. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

Respectfully submitted by,



Brenda K. Mori
Clerk of the Legislature

**NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR
Wednesday, April 3, 2013 @ 10:00 a.m.**

**Please send agenda items to the Clerk of the Legislature’s Office
NO LATER THAN NOON on Wednesday, March 27, 2013.**

STEBEN COUNTY AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY & PLANNING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 3, 2013

10:00 a.m.

*Legislative Committee Room
Steuben County Office Building
Bath, New York*

****MINUTES****

COMMITTEE: Randolph J. Weaver, Vice Chair Dan C. Farrand Robin K. Lattimer
William A. Peoples

STAFF: Mark R. Alger Bill Partridge Alan Reed

LEGISLATORS: Carol A. Ferratella K. Michael Hanna

ABSENT: Thomas J. Ryan, Chair

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Weaver called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and asked Mr. Hanna to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 6, 2013, MEETING MADE BY MR. FARRAND. SECONDED BY MR. PEOPLES. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

III. OUTSIDE AGENCY REQUESTS

A. Steuben County Industrial Development Agency

1. **Activity Update** – Mr. Johnson distributed a copy of the March/April e-newsletter. He thanked the Legislature for their support of the IDA sales tax issue. The State came to the compromise that we were hoping for. The State budget restores the pre-2008 retail prohibition with the exemptions that existed at the time, including a tourism destination project, a project located in a highly distressed area and a project that provides a product or service to the area that otherwise would not be available. We have been living by these rules anyway. They also include reporting requirements that we currently do, however, we will now need to monitor and make sure that the companies are doing their required reporting.

Mr. Johnson distributed a copy of the 2013 State Budget summary. Mr. Farrand asked do you have the minimum wage increase steps? Mr. Johnson replied he did not. Ms. Lattimer said that she would be able to provide that information. Mr. Farrand asked about the \$10,000 tax credit to employers who hire a veteran; is that only for small businesses? Ms. Lattimer replied that is supposed to be across the board. There will also be a tax credit for employers who hire teenage workers.

a. *Liquefied Natural Gas Legislation* – Mr. Johnson informed the committee that they continue to work on getting legislation passed that would allow the transportation and storage of liquefied natural gas. New York is the only state in the country that does not allow this. Senator O’Mara co-sponsored legislation which was passed. Assemblyman Palmesano is also co-sponsoring a bill that is still in committee. This legislation will help companies such as Dresser-Rand and will also help to develop technology. More importantly, statewide transportation cannot use liquefied natural gas.

b. *Philips* – Mr. Johnson stated that the Philips Rapid Response Team is putting together workshops/trainings for employees over the next several months. Topics will include financial management and resume writing. We had suggested that they also include small business entrepreneurial training.

c. *CFA* – Mr. Johnson announced that the Town of Urbana and the Village Hammondsport have signed a three-year agreement for a water extension down Route 54 to the Curtiss Museum.

d. *Wayland* – Mr. Johnson stated that by the end of the week they should have the final drawings for the water/sewer extension project in the Town of Wayland. We expect to go out for bid soon. That site has been officially awarded a letter from the State saying that it is a shovel ready site.

e. *IDA Industrial Park* – Mr. Johnson announced that they sold their first lot. We also are very close to having the final language on the covenant that we agreed to on the Guthrie project. This restricts the sale of the surrounding property to businesses that would have a negative impact on Guthrie.

f. *Railroad* – Mr. Johnson stated that they have met with the engineers and individuals from the railroad. We have 700 railroad ties stacked up and that project should start in May. He stated that he met with the Steuben County Department of Public Works staff and they have been phenomenal. They have done all the grubbing and clearing to open up that area for us. In exchange, they will keep the scrap rail. This has been a great partnership. Additionally, we will also be clearing and grubbing from CR113 north to Hammondsport. Public Works will do the clearing for us and in exchange will get the 60-pound light rail for their use. We really appreciate the County working with us on this project.

g. *Annual Business Site Visits* – Mr. Johnson stated that once a year he goes out and meets with the major businesses and checks in with them. This process usually occurs during April and May and we will start scheduling those visits next week. He stated that he would like to look at expanding this to include the medium-sized businesses.

Mr. Farrand commented that BOCES has a machining program; however, only five students are enrolled. Is this something that we can try to get the companies to look at? Mr. Johnson commented there is plenty of demand in the workplace, but the issue has been that there is no interest by students in this field. Mr. Farrand stated that BOCES is having a hard time getting companies to come and do interviews. Mr. Johnson commented that if Mr. Farrand could send him the contact information for BOCES that is something he can easily rectify.

h. *STC Conference* – Mr. Johnson informed the committee that the Industrial Development Agency was able to sponsor nationally known speaker, Elizabeth Watson. Ms. Watson is a historic tourism specialist and environmentalist. She will be speaking about taking advantage of historical preservation and tourism assets and doing that as part of economic development. Her presentations will be Thursday, April 4th at 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. at the Corning Community College Campus.

IV. DEPARTMENTAL REQUESTS

A. Buildings & Grounds

1. **Budget Transfer** – Mr. Partridge requested authorization to appropriate additional court maintenance funding in the amount of \$25,311.00 for the interior painting of the Bath Courthouse.

MOTION: APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL COURT MAINTENANCE FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,311.00 FOR THE INTERIOR PAINTING OF THE BATH COURTHOUSE INTO ACCOUNT #116200.5.413000 AND INCREASING AND APPROPRIATING REVENUE IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO ACCOUNT #116200.4.3021000 MADE BY MR. FARRAND. SECONDED BY MS. LATTIMER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN MADE BY MS. LATTIMER. SECONDED BY MR. FARRAND. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted by

Amanda L. Chapman
Deputy Clerk
Steuben County Legislature

**NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR
Wednesday, May 1, 2013 @ 10:00 a.m.**

**Please send agenda items to the Clerk of the Legislature's Office
NO LATER THAN NOON on Wednesday, April 24, 2013.**

STEBEN COUNTY AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY & PLANNING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 1, 2013

10:00 a.m.

*Legislative Committee Room
Steuben County Office Building
Bath, New York*

****MINUTES****

COMMITTEE:	Thomas J. Ryan, Chair Robin K. Lattimer	Randolph J. Weaver, Vice Chair William A. Peoples	Dan C. Farrand
STAFF:	Mark R. Alger Shawn Corey	Jack Wheeler Amy Dlugos	Bill Partridge
LEGISLATORS:	Carol A. Ferratella Gary B. Roush	K. Michael Hanna	Hilda T. Lando
OTHERS:	Jamie Johnson, SCIDA Charles Peacock, SCIDA		

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Ryan called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 3, 2013, MEETING MADE BY MR. FARRAND. SECONDED BY MS. LATTIMER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

III. OUTSIDE AGENCY REQUESTS

A. Steuben County Industrial Development Agency

1. **Activity Update** – Mr. Johnson presented the following update to the committee:

a. Corning Diesel Plant – Mr. Johnson stated that they were very excited to be able to announce that the Corning Diesel Plant will be located in Steuben County. This has been a two-year project on our part. The construction trailer is on site and they are ready to go.

b. Dresser-Rand – Mr. Johnson stated that they continue to facilitate opportunities. We are showing them sites within Steuben County and we have one that we believe will meet their needs. They are also looking at sites in Texas and Ohio.

Mr. Johnson stated that the legislation regarding liquefied natural gas has passed in the NYS Senate. We have learned that the Majority Leader for the Assembly is also co-sponsoring this bill. We may be taking individuals from Dresser-Rand to Albany to meet with key leaders. There does not seem to be much opposition to this bill.

c. Curtiss School – Mr. Johnson informed the committee that there is a new developer for the Curtiss School. The developer also owns an architectural firm in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. The developer has expressed an interest in converting the school to market rate housing. The school is in really good shape with modern elevators.

d. Annual Business Retention Meetings – Mr. Johnson stated they have been meeting with businesses throughout the County that we have not worked with, or heard from, within the past six to twelve

months. So far, everything seems to be fairly positive. There are no huge opportunities that we are aware of at this point and business seems to be good.

e. Community Development Outreach – Mr. Johnson stated that he would encourage any Legislator to reach out to their Town Supervisors and Mayor to give us an opportunity to sit down with them and talk to them. It is frustrating the lack of response we get from the municipalities. Please encourage all municipal leaders to give us an opportunity to meet with them.

f. Agricultural Preservation Plan – Mr. Johnson stated this is an initiative that the Planning Department is working on. The IDA would like to be more involved in that process. We want it to be an active plan that can work with the agricultural community to promote other opportunities. The IDA will be making a \$5,000.00 contribution to the match that is required. We have also volunteered to help Planning with the RFP and grant application.

Ms. Lattimer asked what is the status of the Wayland project? Mr. Johnson replied we are getting there slowly. The bid documents should be done by May 12th. The issue has been with their water line. Apparently, they had two lines, a 4” and an 8”, which are located on top of one another. The flow test on the 8” came back that there is more than enough water. The original flow test had been done on the 4” line. We are also working through water district creation and extension issues. We had some initial interest by a wholesale company that services Gunlocke and they are considering the property because we would have water and sewer.

Mrs. Lando commented that the City of Corning has established a mixed-use board and she would like to invite the IDA to come for discussions on how to do economic development.

IV. DEPARTMENTAL REQUESTS

A. Planning

1. **Agricultural Protection Planning Grant** – Mrs. Dlugos informed the committee that the plan they currently have in place was approved more than ten years ago. We have been notified by the State that we now qualify for funding to update our plan. This plan will outline agricultural-based economic development projects, and implementation funding from regional economic development councils. We will be able to do at least two good projects, possibly three or four.

Mrs. Dlugos explained this is a \$50,000 matching grant from the New York State Department of Agriculture & Markets. The IDA is contributing \$5,000.00 and we will be seeking \$35,000.00 from the economic development fund. There is also a \$10,000.00 in-kind services that the Planning Department will provide to manage the grant. Originally, we were going to apply for this funding in the fall; however the State called and asked if we could get the application in by June. The grant awards will be made in July and we will have 18 months to complete project(s). The projects we are looking at include a food hub, biomass, vodka from potatoes, growing hops and the wine industry.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE PLANNING DIRECTOR TO APPLY FOR A \$50,000.00 NEW YORK STATE AGRICULTURAL PROTECTION PLANNING GRANT USING \$35,000 FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND, \$5,000 FROM THE STEUBEN COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND \$10,000 IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT TO MANAGE THE GRANT MADE BY MR. WEAVER. SECONDED BY MS. LATTIMER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0. Resolution Required.

B. Buildings & Grounds

1. **Panic Alarm System Quote** – Mr. Partridge informed the committee that they received one quote from Eastern Security Services for \$13,937.00. This is to install a new wireless panic alarm system in the County Office Building Complex.

Mr. Alger commented the current system is not expandable and is unreliable. The new wireless system will allow for expansion if needed. Mrs. Ferratella asked are there any grant funds available? Mr. Partridge replied since this affects the courts, we will submit expenses to the State and get a percentage of the cost reimbursed.

MOTION: AWARDING THE BID FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A NEW WIRELESS PANIC ALARM SYSTEM IN THE COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING COMPLEX TO EASTERN SECURITY SERVICES FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$13,937.00 MADE BY MR. FARRAND. SECONDED BY MS. LATTIMER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

2. **Budget Transfer – Panic Alarm Project** – Mr. Partridge requested authorization to transfer \$4,780.00 in unexpended funds from the Sealing & Striping Capital Project to the Security Capital Project.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF \$4,780.00 IN UNEXPENDED FUNDS FROM THE SEALING & STRIPING CAPITAL PROJECT TO THE SECURITY CAPITAL PROJECT MADE BY MS. LATTIMER. SECONDED BY MR. WEAVER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0. Resolution Required.

3. **HVAC Controls Upgrade Quote** – Mr. Partridge requested authorization to award the quote for the HVAC Controls Upgrade at the 911 Center to Johnson Control Systems for a total cost of \$8,620.00. They are on State bid and we do have money in the budget.

MOTION: AWARDING THE QUOTE FOR THE HVAC CONTROLS UPGRADE AT THE 911 CENTER TO JOHNSON CONTROL SYSTEMS FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$8,620.00 MADE BY MR. WEAVER. SECONDED BY MR. PEOPLES. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

4. **Old Health Care Facility** – Mr. Partridge informed the committee that last week the power at the old Health Care Facility went out. After many hours of testing with the help of NYSEG, we were able to determine the cause. The electric at the old facility is a three-phase system. There was a splice in one of the wires and it welded to the rest of the wires. This is the power from the pole on CR113 across the property and underground; it is our service.

We have received a quote from **Pelham Electric** for \$3,200.00 for labor, and **from I.D. Booth** for materials for \$7,835.00. The County will purchase the materials. We will run the line from the pole to the building and there will be no splice. We do have money in our maintenance line item.

MOTION: DECLARING THE POWER OUTAGE AT THE OLD HEALTH CARE FACILITY AN EMERGENCY AND AUTHORIZING THE SUPERINTENDENT OF BUILDINGS & GROUNDS TO PURCHASE ELECTRICAL MATERIALS FROM I.D. BOOTH FOR A TOTAL OF \$7,835.00 AND CONTRACTING WITH **PELHAM ELECTRIC FOR LABOR COSTS RELATED TO THE REPAIR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,200.00 MADE BY MR. FARRAND. SECONDED BY MR. WEAVER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.**

V. OTHER BUSINESS

A. **Parades** – Mrs. Ferratella asked if this is the appropriate committee to bring up the proposal regarding parades? Mr. Alger replied we will be bringing that up at the Administration Committee meeting. Essentially, the New York State Department of Transportation has put out proposed regulations regarding permits for any parades on State roads. There is a \$5,000 application fee and the application requires clean-up and other ancillary costs be borne by the municipality or the sponsor of the event. The proposed regulation is also requiring that any parade occurring this year, complies with the draft legislation. Discussion followed.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. FARRAND. SECONDED BY MS. LATTIMER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted by

Amanda L. Chapman
Deputy Clerk
Steuben County Legislature

**NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR
Wednesday, June 5, 2013 @ 10:00 a.m.**

**Please send agenda items to the Clerk of the Legislature's Office
NO LATER THAN NOON on Wednesday, May 29, 2013.**

STEUBEN COUNTY AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 5, 2013

10:00 a.m.

Legislative Committee Conference Room

Steuben County Office Building

Bath, New York

****MINUTES****

Meeting was cancelled.

STEBEN COUNTY AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY & PLANNING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, July 3, 2013

10:00 a.m.

*Legislative Committee Room
Steuben County Office Building
Bath, New York*

****MINUTES****

COMMITTEE: Thomas J. Ryan, Chair Randolph J. Weaver, Vice Chair Dan C. Farrand
Robin K. Lattimer William A. Peoples

STAFF: Mark R. Alger Jack Wheeler Amy Dlugos
Shawn Corey

LEGISLATORS: Joseph J. Hauryski Hilda T. Lando

OTHERS: James C. Johnson, Executive Director, Steuben County Industrial Development Agency
Charles Peacock, Steuben County Industrial Development Agency
Jeff Parker, Steuben County Soil & Water Conservation District

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Ryan called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 1, 2013, MEETING MADE BY MR. FARRAND. SECONDED BY MS. LATTIMER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

III. OUTSIDE AGENCY REQUESTS

A. Steuben County Industrial Development Agency

1. **Activity Update**

a. *TEP Application* – Mr. Johnson informed the committee that they are in the process of seeking proposals for consultants to help us put together a Transportation Enhancement Program application for the B&H Railroad to the Village of Hammondsport. This would be part of the rails to trails conversation and would link the Curtis Museum to downtown. This is \$1 million in TEP funding available this year. The NYS DOT likes this project as it would eliminate the railroad crossing on 54A and would link points together. We anticipate a \$300,000 project and are still in the early phase of investigating it.

b. *World Kitchen Expansion* – Mr. Johnson informed the committee that they are meeting with Empire State Development, the Department of Environmental Conservation and World Kitchen to talk about permitting for their possible expansion. Mr. Roush asked could that be jeopardized by the reclassification of the dikes? Mr. Johnson replied we did talk to the DEC about that and it is a huge issue for the entire region.

c. *Philips* – Mr. Johnson stated that they continue to talk with Philips and they are doing the public comment period for submission to the DEC for a voluntary brownfield cleanup. They have money set aside and are prepared to do a final investigation and remediation. That will truly determine when the building will be available. Mr. Johnson stated that they have also had discussions with CSS Workforce NY. The discussions have been about how the younger workforce at the plant is leaving on their own for other jobs. The people left are the individuals that are of retirement age. We will see an impact when the

company shuts down. It looks as though we will not take as big of a hit with regard to long-term reemployment. Mr. Hauryski commented that he has heard that Philips has extended the closing into March of next year. Mr. Johnson stated they have a lot of work and have less people. This is something that we will be working on for quite some time.

d. Pulteney Plaza – Mr. Johnson stated that they have finalized the documents for the Pulteney Plaza in Riverside. The construction of a Tops Market will begin in September.

e. Water Expansion Project – Mr. Johnson stated they continue to work with the Town of Urbana and the Village of Hammondsport on the water expansion project. They are hoping that construction will begin in September or October.

f. Corning Days Inn Redevelopment – Mr. Johnson stated they had two issues; parking and a height variance, but both of those issues have been resolved. They are working on a CFA proposal and are doing demolition and site preparation.

g. Curtiss School – Mr. Johnson stated that they have submitted a request for \$500,000 funding through the STC Regional Economic Development Corporation. They have discovered that the septic system has failed and the developer will need to work with the school district to get that resolved. Final applications for CFA are due August 12, 2013.

h. New York Tax Free Zone – Restart NY – Mr. Johnson explained this pertains to any property that SUNY owns or leases anywhere in the State; they are considered campuses and are now tax-free. The State is touting this program as not costing the taxpayers anything. We believe that we will be in a good position as the community colleges are more used to working with the businesses around them.

i. Wayland Industrial Park – Mr. Johnson stated that the project is on or under budget. They will be awarding it relatively soon with a construction start date of August.

j. Railroad – Mr. Johnson stated that starting at May Street, the railroad is putting in new ties. With respect to the turnaround, a request has been put into the State to eliminate or replace the railroad crossing on Route 415 and put in a crossing on Route 113 and expand the rehabilitation work through the north section of the industrial park and replace the bridge.

k. IDA Summer Outing – Mr. Johnson invited all Legislators to their Summer Outing, which will be held on July 25, 2013, at the Lakeside Restaurant.

Mr. Ryan asked if Mr. Johnson could provide an update on the liquefied natural gas? Mr. Johnson replied there was a federal issue with liquefied natural gas testing next to the runway in Horseheads. They are working through that issue. The legislation was blocked in the Assembly and the DEC will have draft regulations done this month. This will spur growth at Dresser-Rand's facility in Painted Post.

Mr. Farrand commented that he has heard that a company out of Jasper is offering landowners in Woodhull and West Union \$20.00 per acre windmill leases. Mr. Johnson replied we had been told that getting into the wind industry in that part of the county was difficult due to the infrastructure.

Mr. Hauryski stated that he has invited the President of Corning Hospital, Shirley Magana, to give a brief presentation at the July Board meeting regarding the construction of the new hospital.

B. Steuben County Soil & Water Conservation District

1. Activity Update – Mr. Parker distributed his activity report for the committee's review.

2. **Wildlife Forest Areas** – Mr. Ryan informed the committee that the Region 8 Fish & Wildlife Board has learned that there is a large tract of land, 180,000 acres, that is being classified by the Adirondack Parks Agency as a Wildlife Forest Area, as well as the Essex Lake Trail. If they designate that as a Wildlife Forest Area, it will be taken off the books and no one will be able to use it. The surrounding businesses and communities will suffer from a lack of business. Our group will be formulating a regional sporting access committee to try to have some influence on how that determination is made. From a Soil & Water Conservation perspective, this will also go into district access sites. Everyone should be able to use those properties.

IV. DEPARTMENTAL REQUESTS

A. Planning

1. **Farm-City Day** – Mrs. Dlugos informed the committee that they will be holding Farm-City Day on Saturday, September 28, 2013 at the Palmer Farm in Howard. On Thursday, September 26, 2013, the farm will be inviting every second grader in the county to come out to visit the farm.

2. **State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) On-Line Forms** – Mrs. Dlugos informed the committee that there was discussion at a recent InterCounty meeting regarding changes to the process and forms. There will be some growing pains, but it is an improvement overall to what is being done now. The forms will be available on-line October 7, 2013, and will include a workbook. We requested training and were told by the Department of State that it was self-explanatory. The NYS Association of Planning Directors will be doing training for County Planners. There will be still the option to complete the paper forms.

3. **CDBG Funding for Well and Septic System Repairs for Income-Eligible Homeowners** – Mrs. Dlugos requested authorization to submit an application for CDBG Funding for well and septic system repairs for income-eligible homeowners. This is done in partnership with Arbor Development. We were not funded last year and there is a waiting list of eligible homeowners.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE STEUBEN COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY RENEWAL FOR A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FOR WELL AND SEPTIC SYSTEM REPAIRS FOR INCOME-ELIGIBLE HOMEOWNERS MADE BY MR. WEAVER. SECONDED BY MS. LATTIMER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0. Resolution Required.

4. **Update on Agricultural Preservation Plan** – Mrs. Dlugos informed the committee that they have submitted their application and it is in the process of being reviewed. The funding should be awarded sometime in July.

5. **Agenda 21** – Mr. Hauryski stated that he has heard a lot of discussion about Agenda 21. What exactly is it? Mrs. Dlugos replied somewhere in a United Nations document it talks about sustainability. It has been construed that there is a conspiracy to move everyone off the land and into the cities.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. FARRAND. SECONDED BY MS. LATTIMER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted by

Amanda L. Chapman
Deputy Clerk
Steuben County Legislature

**NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR
Wednesday, August 7, 2013 @ 9:00 a.m.**

**Please send agenda items to the Clerk of the Legislature's Office
NO LATER THAN NOON on Wednesday, July 31, 2013.**

STEBEN COUNTY AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY & PLANNING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, August 7, 2013

10:00 a.m.

Legislative Committee Room
Steuben County Office Building
Bath, New York

****MINUTES****

COMMITTEE: Thomas J. Ryan, Chair Randolph J. Weaver, Vice Chair Dan C. Farrand
Robin K. Lattimer William A. Peoples

STAFF: Mark R. Alger Bill Partridge Alan Reed

LEGISLATORS: Joseph J. Hauryski Carol A. Ferratella K. Michael Hanna
Gary B. Roush

OTHERS: James Johnson, Executive Director, Steuben County IDA
Peggy Coleman, Executive Director, Steuben County Conference & Visitors' Bureau

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Ryan called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and asked Mr. Farrand to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 3, 2013, MEETING MADE BY MR. PEOPLES. SECONDED BY MR. FARRAND. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

III. OUTSIDE AGENCY REQUESTS

A. Steuben County Industrial Development Agency

1. **Activity Update** – Mr. Johnson thanked the Legislators for attending their annual summer outing at the Lakeside. He was pleased to see that the attendance of Legislators increased this year.

a. *Consolidated Funding Applications* – Mr. Johnson informed the committee that they have been very busy putting together all of the Consolidated Funding Applications (CFA). These applications are due August 12th. Last year we implemented a process where we asked all applicants to provide a concept paper on the projects for which they were seeking funding. Last year 26 concept papers were submitted. This year we have received 100 concept papers. We are positioned very well to receive some level of funding.

b. *Transportation Enhancement Program* – Mr. Johnson stated that they have submitted a Transportation Enhancement Program (TEP) funding application for the Town of Urbana. We would like to convert the rail line into the village to a trail. We have hired Barton & Loguidice to help us with this funding application. The application is due August 16th. The trail will run from the Curtiss Museum through the wetlands to the rail line and into the Village of Hammondsport. There is \$1 million in funding available for the entire region and it is a very competitive grant. We expect that there will be another similar program next year.

c. *Curtiss School* – Mr. Johnson informed the committee that all of the funding for this project has been lined up. They have received a \$500,000 low-interest loan to subsidize the project, along with funding from the private developer. The septic system at the school failed inspection and the private

developer and the school district are working through that issue and expect that to be resolved soon. The school will be converted into 10 – 12 high-end apartments in the Village of Hammondsport.

Mr. Johnson commented that there is an opportunity for the Village of Bath to look at market rate housing units. Economic growth was part of a recent study and the majority of the growth last year was in the western portion of county, due mainly to Gunlocke and Alstom.

d. Wayland Water/Sewer Project – Mr. Johnson stated that the money for the project is available and the bidding is done. We are just going through the process of getting through the Department of Health, the Department of Environmental Conservation and comments from the Village. The goal is to have the extension under contract on or before August 24th.

e. Wind Energy – Mr. Johnson stated that with regard to the Marsh Hill wind project in Jasper, they are waiting for the State to make a decision on who will get the credits this year. With the Hartsville wind project, they are working on the environmental review. He stated that he has been talking with the town and everyone is optimistic.

f. Phillips – Mr. Johnson stated that they have been informed that due to the volume of orders, they will be extending production for one quarter; which will take them through March 2014. There is no update on the availability of the building and they are continuing to work with the Department of Environmental Conservation on the cleanup program.

g. Community Supported Agriculture – Mr. Johnson informed the committee that a month ago he, along with Peggy Coleman and Amy Dlugos, participated in a tour of businesses by the Secretary of State and the Federal Co-Chair of the Appalachian Regional Commission as part of the farm to table initiative. The County is already doing a Farmland Preservation Plan. The Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) has money available to expand the scope of the plan as it is now. This funding would allow us to look at what markets are available to be developed in the community and for distributing products better both internally and externally. He stated that Southern Tier Central is interested in having us pursue this additional funding. We will be working through Mrs. Dlugos to try to add this initiative into the Farmland Preservation Plan. Mr. Johnson stated that Agriculture and Markets is having difficulty distributing money for Farmland Preservation Plans and they want to see the scope of the project expanded and will be using Steuben County as a model.

Ms. Coleman commented the farm to table initiative is trending nationally, but in Steuben County, we have lived this way for years. There is bigger opportunity to go beyond the homes and support local businesses. This is a win-win for everyone. Beyond that, there are additional marketing opportunities.

Mr. Ryan stated that he is a member of the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Farming. He asked Mr. Johnson to provide him with an overview of this and he will make a presentation at his next meeting and show how Steuben County is moving ahead.

Mrs. Lando asked will you be involving Cornell Cooperative Extension in this as well? Mr. Johnson replied they will be a part of this process and they are involved in the Farmland Preservation Plan.

2. **Elmira-Corning Regional Airport** – Mr. Alger stated the Elmira-Corning Regional Airport has approached them for promotional money to assist them in expanding services by offering flights to Chicago. In Steuben County, we have Kraft and World Kitchen whose headquarters are located in Chicago. This would be advantageous to those corporations, as they do need flights back and forth. He requested authorization to take \$2,500 from the Economic Development Fund to encourage the airlines to bring the Chicago flight to the Elmira-Corning Regional Airport. Our \$2,500 will be a match to what the IDA and Three Rivers are providing. Chemung County will be putting in \$25,000.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF \$2,500.00 OUT OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND AS A MATCH TO PROMOTIONAL MONEY TO ENCOURAGE THE AIRLINES AT THE ELMIRA-CORNING REGIONAL AIRPORT TO OFFER FLIGHTS TO CHICAGO MADE BY MR. FARRAND. SECONDED BY MS. LATTIMER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

B. Steuben County Conference & Visitors' Bureau

1. **Designation of Official Tourism Promotion Agency** – Ms. Coleman stated in order to apply for New York State Tourism Grant funds, each county has to annually designate their official tourism promotion agency.

Ms. Coleman provided a brief overview of their activities. In January they underwent a large study looking at everything from the organization of the agency, to their product, among other things. As part of that, they also included a rebranding study. The Steuben County Conference & Visitors' Bureau (SCCVB) will be celebrating 20 years on October 5, 2013. We went through our study and defined five priorities in each of the five categories. One recommendation that came out of the study is that we need to create a position or place for us. We will update our logo and it was decided that the new logo will be Corning and the Southern Finger Lakes. The second recommendation we received is to look into the sports market a little more. One of the barriers is access to Keuka Lake for fishing tournaments and other events. We will be asking our board to submit a Consolidate Funding Application to bring the Bass Masters Tournament to Keuka Lake in 2015. The impact will be 150 boats that will need to get onto the lake over a four-day period. Included in the application will be money to support additional EMS and security. Mr. Johnson stated that they would be submitting an application for Appalachian Region Commission (ARC) funds for a waterfront plan. This will be an assessment of what is there and the opportunities that are available.

MOTION: DESIGNATING THE STEUBEN COUNTY CONFERENCE & VISITORS' BUREAU AS THE OFFICIAL TOURISM PROMOTION AGENCY IN STEUBEN COUNTY MADE BY MR. WEAVER. SECONDED BY MR. FARRAND. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0. Resolution Required.

Mr. Hauryski stated that in the future he would like to have Ms. Coleman come to the committee prior to the presentation of her budget. The information presented this morning was timely and helpful for this committee. When preparing for the budget presentations, it is nice to see you more than just when you present your budget. It gives the committee better insight into what you are doing. He stated that he would also like to commend Mr. Ryan for changing the focus of the committee and paying attention to all areas of the AIP Committee. He would also like to commend the committee for what has taken place in the last few months.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN MADE BY MS. LATTIMER. SECONDED BY MR. WEAVER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted by

Amanda L. Chapman
Deputy Clerk
Steuben County Legislature

**NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR
Wednesday, September 4, 2013 @ 9:00 a.m.**

**Please send agenda items to the Clerk of the Legislature's Office
NO LATER THAN NOON on Wednesday, August 28, 2013.**

STEBEN COUNTY AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY & PLANNING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 4, 2013

10:00 a.m.

*Legislative Committee Room
Steuben County Office Building
Bath, New York*

****MINUTES****

COMMITTEE: Thomas J. Ryan, Chair Randolph J. Weaver, Vice Chair Dan C. Farrand
William A. Peoples

STAFF: Mark R. Alger Jack Wheeler Amy Dlugos
Shawn Corey

LEGISLATORS: Joseph J. Hauryski Carol A. Ferratella K. Michael Hanna
Hilda T. Lando Gary B. Roush

ABSENT: Robin K. Lattimer

OTHERS: Jamie Johnson, Executive Director, Steuben County Industrial Development Agency
Jeff Parker, Steuben County Soil & Water Conservation District
Tom Tomsa, Cornell Cooperative Extension
Cindy Kimble, President, Finger Lakes Tourism Alliance
Christina Roberts, Finger Lakes Wine Country
Ginnie Lupi, Executive Director, The ARTS Council of the Southern Finger Lakes

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Ryan called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and asked Mr. Peoples to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 7, 2013, MEETING MADE BY MR. FARRAND. SECONDED BY MR. WEAVER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

III. OUTSIDE AGENCY REQUESTS

A. Steuben County Industrial Development Agency

1. **Activity Update**

a. *Consolidated Funding Applications* – Mr. Johnson informed the committee that they have been very busy, as they have been working on a number of consolidated funding applications. Announcements for the awards of those funds will be in December.

b. *TEP Application* – Mr. Johnson informed the committee that they have decided to only do the section of trail from Main Street in Hammondsport to directly behind the Curtiss Museum and to create a fishing access area. We submitted a grant application for \$380,000.

B. Steuben County Soil & Water Conservation District

1. **Activity Update** – Mr. Parker informed the committee that they did have some flooding in Campbell, Bath and Hornby as a result of the recent storms. All of the emergency work has been completed. In the Town of Hornby there were three roadways that had been washed out and in the Town of Bath they had a road ditch that was severely washed out.

2. **2014 Budget Request** – Mr. Parker presented his 2014 budget for consideration. The Streambank Stabilization Program funding remains the same at \$75,000. We will need to purchase a one-ton dump truck for our hydroseeding program and have budgeted \$40,000 for that. For 2014, he is requesting \$150,676.00 which represents a \$1,000 increase over last year’s budget.

MOTION: FORWARDING THE STEUBEN COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT 2014 BUDGET REQUEST TO THE BUDGET OFFICER FOR REVIEW MADE BY MR. WEAVER. SECONDED BY MR. FARRAND. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

C. Cornell Cooperative Extension

1. **Activity Update/2014 Budget Request** – Mr. Tomsa provided a brief overview of his program. They continue to focus on local food initiatives including the Best Management Practices for Season Extension in New York, Good Agricultural Practices Training to Fresh Produce Growers, “Meat Suite” Website, “Meat Locker” Project, “Harvest New York” and the Dairy Acceleration Program. For 2014 they are requesting funding in the amount of \$365,000.00 which is the same as the prior year.

D. Finger Lakes Tourism Alliance

1. **2014 Budget Request** – Ms. Kimble provided a brief activities overview to the committee. They are requesting funding in the amount of \$18,000.00 for 2014, which remains the same as the prior year. This funding will enable them to continue with their promotional programs on the FLTA’s website, representation in the Finger Lakes 2014 Travel Guide, representation at 2014 travel trade shows, social media efforts and additionally will allow for the continuation of BookDirect, which is an online booking tool.

E. Finger Lakes Wine Country

1. **2014 Budget Request** – Ms. Roberts provided a brief activities overview to the committee. They are requesting funding in the amount of \$100,000.00 for 2014. She explained that in addition to receiving funding from Steuben County, they also receive funding from Chemung, Yates and Schuyler Counties. Additionally, Corning Enterprises will match county funds up to \$300,000. We also anticipate receiving \$457,500 in private sector funding and cooperative marketing programs. This funding will allow us to continue all of our current social media and marketing campaigns.

F. The ARTS of the Southern Finger Lakes

1. **2014 Budget Request** – Ms. Lupi provided a brief activities overview to the committee. They are requesting funding in the amount of \$35,200.00 for 2014. This funding will be used to focus on services and activities and directly and positively impact tourism and quality of life in Steuben County. Some of the services that affect tourism in Steuben County include a searchable arts/cultural calendar on their website, a weekly newsletter, services and grants to area organizations and individual artists, a very active Facebook page and The Gallery at the ARTS Council, which is the storefront gallery in Corning.

Mr. Hauryski stated that he would like to commend all of you for the work you did on your presentations. You did an excellent job. He would like to reiterate what he and Mr. Ryan have talked about at different times. When you present your budget presentations, we are astounded by the work you do. We would like to see you here at least one or two times prior to this meeting to provide us with updates on what you are doing. He stated that since we are providing funding to you, one of the things that he looks for is how you are using Steuben County in your advertising. One word that was mentioned earlier was collaboration. One of the things that he believes is lacking in many respects with the agencies that we fund is collaboration with one another. That is how he would rate you, on how well you work with your fellow partners. That is important and this is just a heads up going forward. With collaboration we have a better product in the end. Thank you all for a nice job.

IV. DEPARTMENTAL REQUESTS

A. Planning

1. **Application to Appalachian Regional Commission** – Mrs. Dlugos informed the committee that in May she had requested authorization to submit a grant for a new agricultural protection plan. That

announcement has not yet been made, but it may be at about the same time as the consolidated funding applications are awarded. We will use State funds to leverage funds from ARC to do something with the local farm to table initiative. As part of that we will be bringing in Cornell Cooperative Extension to help us develop a local food economy and look at more local markets. Mr. Johnson is putting together an ARC application for additional funds to delve more deeply into the local markets.

Mr. Johnson commented that after meeting with Cornell Cooperative Extension, they are a wealth of information with regard to who can use the products or who may be looking to use local products in their restaurants. The funding would allow us to move ahead to build a business model.

Mrs. Dlugos stated that she is looking for a letter of support for the ARC application. Mr. Johnson stated at some point we will need to enter into a contract with the County and the Industrial Development Agency since the IDA is doing the application and the County will be doing the farmland preservation plan.

Mr. Ryan commented you are going about this the right way and getting all of the players involved. When you are done, we will have a very good product.

MOTION: SUPPORTING THE STEUBEN COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY'S APPLICATION FOR APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION GRANT FUNDING TO LEVERAGE ADDITIONAL AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING FUNDS MADE BY MR. WEAVER. SECONDED BY MR. PEOPLES. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

2. **Aquatic Invasive Species** – Mrs. Dlugos informed the committee that the Steuben County Water Quality Coordinating Committee received a copy of a resolution from the Keuka Lake Association regarding supporting the prevention of the introduction and movement of aquatic species. She requested the Legislature adopt a similar resolution.

MOTION: SUPPORTING THE PREVENTION OF THE INTRODUCTION AND MOVEMENT OF AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES, AND STRONGLY URGING THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO ENACT AND ENFORCE LAWS THAT PREVENT THE INTRODUCTION AND MOVEMENT OF AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES MADE BY MR. FARRAND. SECONDED BY MR. WEAVER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0. Resolution Required.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

A. *Soil & Water Conservation District Board Membership* – Mr. Farrand requested the Law Department to look into whether the Soil & Water Conservation District Board can increase their membership to seven. He stated that currently they have two legislative members, a member from the Grange, a member from the Farm Bureau and a member-at-large. They would like to have another legislative member and another member-at-large.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. PEOPLES. SECONDED BY MR. WEAVER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted by

Amanda L. Chapman
Deputy Clerk
Steuben County Legislature

**NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR
Wednesday, October 2, 2013 @ 9:00 a.m.**

**Please send agenda items to the Clerk of the Legislature's Office
NO LATER THAN NOON on Wednesday, September 25, 2013.**

STEBEN COUNTY AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY & PLANNING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 2, 2013

10:00 a.m.

*Legislative Committee Room
Steuben County Office Building
Bath, New York*

****MINUTES****

COMMITTEE: Thomas J. Ryan, Chair Randolph J. Weaver, Vice Chair William A. Peoples

STAFF: Mark R. Alger Jack Wheeler Amy Dlugos
Steve Bates

LEGISLATORS: Joseph J. Hauryski Carol A. Ferratella Hilda T. Lando
K. Michael Hanna Gary B. Roush

ABSENT: Dan C. Farrand Robin K. Lattimer

OTHERS: James C. Johnson, Executive Director, Steuben County Industrial Development Agency
Peggy Coleman, President, Steuben County Conference & Visitors' Bureau
Yan Ebeling, Chair, SCCVB Executive Board of Directors
Karen Hubbard, Steuben County Farm Bureau

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Ryan called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 4, 2013, MEETING MADE BY MR. PEOPLES. SECONDED BY MR. WEAVER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 3-0.

III. OUTSIDE AGENCY REPORTS

A. Steuben County Industrial Development Agency

1. **Activity Update**

a. *Personnel* – Mr. Johnson informed the committee that Charles Peacock has accepted a position as the Executive Director of the Workforce Investment Board. We are actively looking to fill his position.

b. *Grant Applications* – Mr. Johnson reminded the committee that they have submitted two ARC grants. The first is for waterfront development in the Keuka Lake area, specifically the Village of Hammondsport and Town of Urbana. The second application was for funds for the Agricultural Planning Grant. We anticipate that any funding received will be in the spring or early summer of next year.

c. *Project Update* – Mr. Johnson stated that they have awarded the bid for the construction of the water and sewer line for the Wayland Business Park to Fine Line Construction. Depending upon the weather, they anticipate completing the project this year. They also have awarded the bid for the engineering of the water extension project to the Curtiss Museum to Labella.

d. *45(b) Program* – Mr. Johnson explained this is a program which allows for property tax abatements for commercial properties and they pay only 50 percent of a tax increase. Previously, the

Hammondsport School District had opted out of this program, but has now opted back in. The Town of Pulteney and the Town of Corning are the other two municipalities in Steuben County that have opted out.

e. Economic Development Plan – Mr. Johnson stated this is a three-year plan and they are in the process of updating that. He anticipates having a presentation ready for December or January.

f. Zoning Ordinances – Mr. Johnson stated that Harter Secrest & Emery is interested in putting together an amicus brief. There has been an ongoing lawsuit regarding the Town of Dryden zoning out fracking. This is now before the Supreme Court and the consensus is that they will overturn the ruling that the town can zone out fracking activities. The State has umbrella oversight over all energy development. Harter Secrest & Emery is looking to file a brief which states for those communities who support gas exploration, this current ruling allows other municipalities to zone out and that has a negative impact on those municipalities that do support gas exploration. They would like to bring together the municipalities to present this proposal. The total cost would be \$25,000 and each community would pay in \$2,500. He stated that he is not sure what the reaction of the municipalities would be.

Mr. Alger stated the County has stayed neutral on this issue and there is a significant divide amongst the municipalities. The communities around the lake have urged moratoriums. He would suggest that if they want to pursue this, they should go to the Landowner's Coalition. He explained that due to the Governor's inaction, Steuben County lost \$75 million in assessed value because they are not producing gas anymore. We stand to lose an additional \$25 million next year. This is a direct result of the inaction of the State government to deal with this issue. Gas tax is similar to real property tax wherein a value is applied to the production from gas wells. For every municipality that has gas production, the gas companies pay property taxes. Over \$75 million in production has gone away and that is substantial. If we are seeing it in Steuben County, every other county is seeing it. This will affect every taxpayer. Last year our tax rate went up solely because gas production went down.

Mr. Johnson stated that from a business and LEEDS standpoint, things had slowed down. The inaction of the government not only stopped production, but some companies that have located here are retracting. The border communities in Pennsylvania are starting to catch up to us with their infrastructure and that will make it much more difficult for us. Mr. Alger stated we have traditionally been a county where gas exploration occurs. Now gas companies are not exploring and they are not looking to drill wells. The municipalities with moratoriums have very broad moratoriums and that prohibits any exploration. This is very detrimental to our economic community.

g. Start-Up New York – Mr. Johnson explained this is a program where colleges are supposed to have a plan put together stating what types of businesses they will seek and allow into the program. All of the responsibility for this program falls on SUNY, however, the authorization is with the State. Locally, we have a very good working relationship with Corning Community College. Discussion followed.

B. Steuben County Conference & Visitors' Bureau

1. 2014 Budget Request - Ms. Coleman presented an overview of their 2013 activities. She stated that this year their focus is on the importance of partnerships. As a result of our research project, we will be updating our website. Additionally, we have changed our branding to "Corning and the Southern Finger Lakes". We also are working on connectivity of services. During this past year we have focused our efforts on collaborations with various partners including Cornell Cooperative Extension, Steuben County Industrial Development Agency, The ARTS Council of the Southern Finger Lakes, Southern Tier Central Regional Planning Board, Finger Lakes Tourism Alliance and the Chambers of Commerce.

Ms. Coleman requested funding in the amount of \$712,550.00 for 2014. We saw \$45.6 million in travel spending in 2012, which resulted in a tax savings of \$391 per home. Tourism generated \$9 million in sales, occupancy and property taxes. In the Finger Lakes Region, Steuben County has the largest number of vacation rental homes. In 2012, travelers spent \$128.5 million. She explained their 2014 request is flat because the room tax collections are

down. For the first quarter they were down 14.82 percent. The fourth quarter we expect to be fairly flat or slightly down. We will end 11.4 percent down over last year. Discussion followed.

MOTION: FORWARDING THE 2014 BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE STEUBEN COUNTY CONFERENCE & VISITORS' BUREAU AS PRESENTED TO THE BUDGET OFFICER FOR REVIEW MADE BY MR. WEAVER. SECONDED BY MR. PEOPLES. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 3-0.

IV. DEPARTMENTAL REQUESTS

A. Weights & Measures

1. **Inter-Municipal Agreement with Livingston County** – Mr. Bates requested authorization to extend their current contract to provide weights and measures services to Livingston County. The new amount is \$50,000.00.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES TO EXTEND THEIR CONTRACT TO PROVIDE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES SERVICES TO LIVINGSTON COUNTY FOR A TOTAL ANNUAL SUM OF \$50,000.00 MADE BY MR. WEAVER. SECONDED BY MR. PEOPLES. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 3-0.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. WEAVER. SECONDED BY MR. PEOPLES. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted by

Amanda L. Chapman
Deputy Clerk
Steuben County Legislature

**NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR
Wednesday, November 6, 2013 @ 9:00 a.m.**

**Please send agenda items to the Clerk of the Legislature's Office
NO LATER THAN NOON on Wednesday, October 30, 2013.**

STEUBEN COUNTY AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY & PLANNING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 6, 2013

10:00 a.m.

*Legislative Committee Room
Steuben County Office Building
Bath, New York*

****MINUTES****

Meeting was cancelled.

STEBEN COUNTY AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY & PLANNING COMMITTEE

Special Meeting

Thursday, November 14, 2013

9:45 a.m.

*Legislative Committee Room
Steuben County Office Building
Bath, New York*

****MINUTES****

COMMITTEE:	Thomas J. Ryan, Chair	Dan C. Farrand	William A. Peoples
STAFF:	Mark R. Alger Shawn Corey	Jack Wheeler	Amy Dlugos
LEGISLATORS:	Joseph J. Hauryski Scott J. Van Etten	Lawrence P. Crossett George J. Welch	Hilda T. Lando
ABSENT:	Randolph J. Weaver, Vice Chair	Robin K. Lattimer	

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Ryan called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

II. DEPARTMENTAL REQUESTS

A. Planning

1. **Public Hearing** – Mrs. Dlugos requested authorization to hold a Public Hearing relative to a Community Development Block Grant application. The public hearing has always been required; however, she always held them from the Planning Department. She just learned via a webinar that the State is now requiring that the public hearing be held before the Legislature. Mrs. Dlugos stated their application is due December 20, 2013.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING ON A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION MADE BY MR. FARRAND. SECONDED BY MR. PEOPLES. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 3-0. Resolution Required.

Mr. Alger explained the plan is to add this resolution to today's Special Legislative Meeting agenda. Upon approval by the Board, the public hearing will be held at the November 25, 2013 regular Legislative Meeting.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. FARRAND. SECONDED BY MR. PEOPLES. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Amanda L. Chapman
Deputy Clerk
Steuben County Legislature

STEBEN COUNTY AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY & PLANNING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, December 4, 2013

10:00 a.m.

*Legislative Committee Room
Steuben County Office Building
Bath, New York*

****MINUTES****

COMMITTEE:	Thomas J. Ryan, Chair	Randolph J. Weaver, Vice Chair	Robin K. Lattimer
STAFF:	Mark R. Alger Eleanor Silliman	Amy Dlugos Shawn Corey	Twila O'Dell
LEGISLATORS:	Joseph J. Hauryski	Carol A. Ferratella	Hilda T. Lando
ABSENT:	Dan C. Farrand	William A. Peoples	
OTHERS:	Dennis Fagan, Lamoka/Waneta Lakes' Protection and Rehabilitation District Jamie Johnson, Executive Director, Steuben County Industrial Development Agency Kari DeWick, Business and Community Development Specialist, SCIDA Jim Griffin, Executive Director, Hornell Industrial Development Agency		

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Ryan called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 2, 2013, AND NOVEMBER 14, 2013 MEETINGS MADE BY MS. LATTIMER. SECONDED BY MR. WEAVER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 3-0.

III. OUTSIDE AGENCY REPORTS

A. Lamoka/Waneta Lakes' Protection and Rehabilitation District

1. **Proposed 2014 Waneta Lake Work** – Mr. Fagan informed the committee that last year they treated 30 acres across the southern end of Waneta Lake for Eurasian Watermilfoil. A rake-toss survey of 138 points on the lake found milfoil in five locations. Those five areas all had an extremely low percentage of 1 percent or less. As a result of that survey we will not be treating the lake next year for milfoil. One of the reasons is because we have an excessive growth of native plants in the lake. To provide the committee with some background history, in 2008 zebra mussels were found in the lake and as a result cleared up the water. As a result of that, more plants and algae have grown and have crowded out the milfoil. Mr. Fagan explained they have seen increased growth in algae, particularly Blue-Green Algae. This algae is very toxic to humans and pets. Last year we had the perfect conditions for the algae during much of the summer. This algae forms a scum on the top of the water.

Mr. Fagan stated that to control the milfoil they did spot treatments of "Renovate". For native plants, the theory is that aeration prevents the anaerobic condition from occurring and turns over the lake once every three to four days. This would reduce the scum layer and reduce the muck layer at the bottom of the lake. An aeration system would run 24 hours, 7 days a week for 7 – 8 months of the year. The system uses compressors and diffusers. The diffusers would be located on the bottom of the lake. He stated that they would like to aerate an area of approximately 250 acres on the upper portion of Waneta Lake starting at Swarthout's Point. At the very least we feel this should solve our problem with the scum layer.

Mr. Fagan stated the district is proposing constructing an aeration system next summer and running it for two to three years to see how effective it is. If it is effective and something that is wanted by the residents, we will consider expanding it to other portions of the lake. Schuyler County did pass a resolution naming themselves as the lead agency for SEQR. Steuben County is also listed as an involved agency. They have talked with the Department of Environmental Conservation and they have no problems with us doing this. The Army Corps of Engineers does not have any investment in this project, as we are not filling in anything. The compressors would be located 100 feet away from most residences and will be enclosed with a shed.

Mr. Fagan commented that with regard to their budget, they are a short by \$20,000. The total cost of the project will be \$112,000. We believe that we will be able to cover this and will not have to do any bonding. This will be a major task for us. The herbicide treatments alone are not addressing the problem. The true problem is the excessive nutrients.

Mr. Weaver asked will there be any testing? Mr. Fagan replied yes, the Lake Association will be conducting a testing program. They will be testing the depth of the muck law, conducting a nutrient analysis and will continue to do testing through the summer. Discussion followed.

B. Steuben County Industrial Development Agency

1. **Activity Update**

a. *Introduction* - Mr. Johnson introduced Kari DeWick the new Business and Community Development Specialist.

b. *Marsh Hill Wind – Jasper* – This project is currently under construction and is slated to have 10 -12 turbines producing power by October 2014.

c. *Pulteney Plaza – Riverside* – This project is currently under construction and is expected to be completed in the spring.

d. *Wayland Business Park* – The contractors are on site and should be breaking ground by next week. There will be a public information meeting on December 17, 2014.

e. *Hammondsport Water Extension* – This project encompasses extending water out to the Curtis Museum. All of the federal paperwork has been completed. Construction is expected to begin in the spring.

f. *Advanced Transit Manufacturing (ATM)* – This company will be relocating to the Do It Best Plaza in the Town of Hornellsville. This will be a \$1 million project that will retain the current 30 jobs and add 11 new jobs.

g. *CDBG Grant – World Kitchen* – World Kitchen is doing a \$9 million expansion of their production line. The project is finishing up and they created 20 additional jobs.

h. *Regional Councils* – Mr. Johnson stated that he and Ms. DeWick will be going to Albany on December 11, 2013 to see a presentation from the Regional Council.

i. *Guthrie Park* – Guthrie is still committed to this project, however, they have put the project on hold until after the completion of new hospitals in Corning and Troy. They have indicated this project will happen in 2014 or 2015.

j. *Phillips* – They are waiting for final approval from the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) on their Brownsfield Cleanup Plan.

Mr. Ryan thanked Mr. Johnson for all the work that he has done with the agricultural marketing project. We appreciate your hard work.

C. Hornell Industrial Development Agency

1. **Empire Zone Program** – Mr. Griffin stated that initially the Empire Zone Program was set up in our area in 2001. This program offered incentives to companies that would assist with the creation of new jobs and investment money. The Hornell Industrial Development Agency was the sponsor of the County zone because we had two regions in the city that qualified. We had a total of 68 businesses that qualified not only in Hornell, but in Corning and throughout the County. As of today, there are still 56 companies receiving benefits. Those benefits included the payment of the sales tax credit and the wage tax credit. Another big benefit was the real property tax credit. Any company that was eligible would pay the taxes to the taxing jurisdiction and then submit a bill to the State. The State would then send the company a check. The taxing entity was responsible for reporting so the businesses would come to our office to fill out the annual form, and we would enter that information into the State's system. Mr. Griffin stated a year ago, the State asked the businesses to enter all of their information into the State's system. Some of the businesses did not comply so the State would contact us and we would do it for them. The real property tax credit to-date is in excess of \$75 million. This money has gone into the businesses and resulted in the creation of 1,200 full-time jobs and 300 part-time jobs. This was a good program.

Mr. Griffin commented the State has since discontinued that program. The Hornell Industrial Development Agency has taken over the administration and two years ago we switched that over to the Chamber of Commerce. The State was paying an administrative fee of \$55,000. Three years ago they stopping paying that fee, but wanted us to continue to monitor it. The cities of Corning and Hornell, as well as the County, have helped us fill most of that gap and we really appreciate it. No new businesses can get into the zone, but we still administer to the ones that are still enrolled.

2. **Lowe's Project** – Mr. Griffin stated that economic development to him is any activity that creates a better quality of life and job opportunities for the people you serve. At the time, the single reason that Lowe's built in Hornell was because of the benefits of the Empire Zone. Our incentive package at that time totaled \$7 million and included the real property tax credit, the sales credit and the wage tax credit. The good news is that for the coming year, Lowe's is paying \$546,000 in real property taxes. The bad news is that their Empire Zone benefits have run out. They only had them for six years instead of the usual ten years. Their taxes will go back to the full value of \$6 million. This will not affect the County or the school district. Mr. Griffin explained under the PILOT agreement with the City of Hornell and the Town of Hornellsville, they will always pay the village 35 percent and the town 15 percent. In 2015, there will be a substantial reduction in those tax jurisdictions. Mr. Johnson commented the same thing is happening with the Corning Diesel Plant.

3. **On-the-Job Training Program** – Mr. Griffin stated that the Hornell Industrial Development Agency administers the On-the-Job Training Program in conjunction with the three-county area Workforce Development Board. During the federal government sequestration, we did receive a \$100,000 grant from the State which allowed us to continue the job training program. We have received an extension of that money for one more year.

4. **Trikeenon Tile** – This company is doing very well and is looking to put in new equipment. The Industrial Development Agency is giving them \$75,000 to put in new electrical service so they can bring in the new equipment. They may also expand the Hornell plant.

5. **Depot Project** – The depot is full and there are 100 people working in it. We own the building and have invested \$100,000 in upgrades.

6. **SKF Building** – Mr. Griffin stated this building is located in Hornell and is owned by Alstom. We have a lease agreement with them that after three years they would allow the Hornell Industrial Development

Agency to purchase the building for \$1.00. After the first of the year we will be pursuing marketing of the building.

7. **STREDEC** – Mr. Griffin stated that this is a regional council program that has \$20 million in funds available for rural development, downtown revitalization and shovel ready sites. There is a committee of eight counties that evaluate programs. This has proven to be very beneficial.

IV. DEPARTMENTAL REQUESTS

A. Planning

1. **2014 Contracts** – Mrs. Dlugos presented her 2014 contracts for approval. These are contracts that are funded out of the Economic Development Fund, the General Fund and Room Tax.

MOTION: APPROVING THE FOLLOWING 2014 CONTRACTS TO BE PAID FOR OUT OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND: STEUBEN COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (\$45,000); APPROVING THE FOLLOWING 2014 CONTRACTS TO BE PAID FOR OUT OF THE GENERAL FUND: BATH SNO FLAKES (\$45,000); FINGER LAKES SPCA (\$39,000); FIRST TRANSIT (\$24,233); MARVIN RETHMEL (\$17.00 PER HOUR); SOUTHERN TIER LIBRARY SYSTEM (\$99,500) AND STEUBEN COUNTY FEDERATION OF CONSERVATION CLUBS (\$3,000); AND APPROVING THE FOLLOWING 2014 CONTRACTS TO BE PAID FOR OUT OF ROOM TAX: ARTS OF THE SOUTHERN FINGER LAKES (\$35,200); FINGER LAKES TOURISM ALLIANCE (\$18,000); FINGER LAKES WINE COUNTRY (\$100,000); STEUBEN COUNTY DAIRY FESTIVAL (\$1,000); AND STEUBEN COUNTY CONFERENCE & VISITORS' BUREAU (\$712,550) MADE BY MR. WEAVER. SECONDED BY MS. LATTIMER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 3-0.

Mr. Alger requested authorization for approval of an empire zone contract with the City of Hornell for \$10,000.

MOTION: APPROVING AN EMPIRE ZONE CONTRACT WITH THE CITY OF HORNELL FOR \$10,000 MADE BY MR. WEAVER. SECONDED BY MS. LATTIMER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 3-0.

2. **Setting a Public Hearing for the CDBG World Kitchen Project** – Mrs. Dlugos requested authorization to hold a public hearing for a CDBG World Kitchen Project.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING ON A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT MADE BY MR. WEAVER. SECONDED BY MS. LATTIMER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 3-0. Resolution Required.

B. Historian

1. **Hall of Fame** – Ms. O'Dell requested authorization to spend \$1,000 on the Hall of Fame Banquet. She also informed the committee that she will be retiring at the end of the year, however Eleanor Silliman has agreed to keep the Hall of Fame going until other arrangements have been made.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY HISTORIAN TO SPEND \$1,000 OUT OF THE BICENTENNIAL ACCOUNT TO PAY FOR THE HALL OF FAME BANQUET MADE BY MR. WEAVER. SECONDED BY MS. LATTIMER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 3-0.

Mrs. Ferratella commented that she would like to thank Ms. O'Dell for the great job she has done.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

A. **January Meeting** – Mr. Alger requested that the date of the January meeting be moved to January 8th due to the New Year's holiday.

MOTION: MOVING THE DATE OF THE JANUARY MEETING TO WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2014, AT 10:00 A.M. MADE BY MS. LATTIMER. SECONDED BY MR. WEAVER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 3-0.

Mr. Hauryski stated that he would like to thank Mr. Ryan for his service to this committee. You have done a great job and he appreciates Mr. Ryan's time and effort. Ms. Lattimer commented that she appreciates the leadership that Mr. Ryan has provided and that she has enjoyed her time on the committee.

MOTION: TO AJDOURN MADE BY MS. LATTIMER. SECONDED BY MR. WEAVER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted by

Amanda L. Chapman
Deputy Clerk
Steuben County Legislature

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR

****PLEASE NOTE CHANGE**** Wednesday, January 8, 2014 @ 10:00 a.m. ****PLEASE NOTE CHANGE****

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