

STEBEN COUNTY AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Monday, January 5, 2009

11:00 a.m.

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

****MINUTES****

COMMITTEE:	Donald B. Creath, Chair Joseph J. Hauryski	Thomas J. Ryan, Vice Chair Randolph J. Weaver	Dan C. Farrand
STAFF:	Mark R. Alger William J. Partridge Frederick H. Ahrens, Jr.	Gregory P. Heffner James Gleason	Jack Wheeler Carol Whitehead
LEGISLATORS:	Philip J. Roche	Patrick F. Donnelly	John Walsh

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Creath called the meeting to order at 10:55 a.m.

II. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Creath opened the floor for public comment. There being none, he declared the opportunity for public comment closed.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 22, 2008 MEETING MADE BY MR. HAURYSKI. SECONDED BY MR. WEAVER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

IV. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS/REQUESTS

A. Buildings & Grounds

1. **2009 Capital Projects** – Mr. Partridge requested authorization to proceed with his 2009 capital projects. The first is the roof replacement on the County Office Building. We have estimated a budget of \$300,000.00. We are currently on the 22nd year of a 20-year roof. We have a non-adhered ballasted roof. We will tear that off, replace any saturated insulation and put back a fully adhered roof and some type of metal cap around the outside edge.

Mr. Partridge stated the second project is the exterior painting of the Corning Courthouse. We have estimated a budget of \$25,000.00 for this project. The building will be scraped, pressure washed, primed and painted.

Mr. Creath stated with regard to the Corning Courthouse, at some point he would like them to look at changing the lower parking lot into terrace level parking as currently it is very steep. Mr. Partridge stated we will look into that and also look at doing the upper parking lot as well.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING BUILDINGS & GROUNDS TO PROCEED WITH THE FOLLOWING 2009 CAPITAL PROJECTS: THE ROOF REPLACEMENT ON THE COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING AND THE EXTERIOR PAINTING OF THE CORNING COURTHOUSE MADE BY MR. FARRAND. SECONDED BY MR. RYAN. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

2. **2009 Contracts** – Mr. Partridge presented his 2009 annual maintenance contract renewals for approval.

MOTION: APPROVING THE FOLLOWING 2009 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 – PULTENEY SQUARE COMPLEX AND HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING (\$3,120.00); EASTERN SECURITY – INSPECTION, TESTING, MAINTENANCE AND MONITORING OF FIRE AND SECURITY SYSTEMS IN HORNELL COURTHOUSE, CORNING COURTHOUSE AND BALCOM HOUSE (\$2,951.40); EMERGENCY POWER SYSTEMS – MAINTENANCE OF GENERATOR AT THE 911 AND CIVIL DEFENSE BUILDING (\$825.00 FOR 911 AND \$575.00 FOR CIVIL DEFENSE); FIRE ALARM SERVICE TECHNOLOGY – MONITORING, INSPECTION, TESTING AND MAINTENANCE OF THE EQUIPMENT FOR THE FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS AND MONITORING EQUIPMENT (\$2,762.00); HOLEVINSKI MECHANICAL & SALVAGE, LLC – SNOW PLOWING AT HORNELL COURTHOUSE AND BUILDING LOCATED AT 7604 SENECA ROAD NORTH (\$100.00/PLOW HORNELL COURTHOUSE AND \$60.00/PLOW 7604 SENECA ROAD NORTH); IMPERIAL DOOR CONTROLS – INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE ON POWER DOOR OPERATORS (\$435.00; \$145.00/OPERATOR); SDS OF NY – REFUSE REMOVAL (\$780.00 HORNELL COURTHOUSE, \$686.64 CORNING COURTHOUSE); SKJ FACILITIES MANAGEMENT, INC. – COMMERCIAL CLEANING OF COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING (\$248.00/WEEK); SOUTHERN TIER FIRE EXTINGUISHER – TESTING AND MAINTENANCE OF THE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS (\$350.00); TRANE (\$27,700.00 PULTENEY SQUARE COMPLEX, \$15,700.00 PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING; AND WEST FIRE SYSTEMS, INC. – TESTING AND MAINTENANCE OF THE 911 FIRE ALARM (\$900.00) MADE BY MR. WEAVER. SECONDED BY MR. RYAN. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

3. **Balcom House Update** – Mr. Partridge informed the committee that the asbestos abatement is complete. The walls will start going up this week.

B. Planning

1. **Budget Transfer** – Mr. Heffner requested authorization to transfer Public Transit Capital funding in the amount of \$329,600.00 from the 2008 budget to the 2009 budget. This funding is used to purchase buses, shelters, signs, etc.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT TO TRANSFER PUBLIC TRANSIT CAPITAL FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$329,600.00 FROM THE 2008 BUDGET TO THE 2009 BUDGET MADE BY MR. HAURYSKI. SECONDED BY MR. FARRAND. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

2. **2009 Contracts** – Mr. Heffner presented his 2009 contracts for approval. He commented that there are contracts that are funded from the General Fund and contracts that are funded from Occupancy Tax.

Mr. Ryan asked do the agencies provide you with annual reports; specifically the Finger Lakes SPCA? Mr. Heffner replied yes and he could distribute those to the committee if they wish. Mr. Ryan asked does the SPCA have a protocol they follow regarding reports of abuse? Mr. Heffner replied he is sure they do, however, he could invite them to come to a committee meeting to explain their protocol.

Mr. Ryan commented that he would also like to see a report for the Snowmobile Trail Grant. Mr. Heffner commented that they now have approximately 130 miles of snowmobile trails in the County. Mr. Alger stated the State is also reducing that grant amount.

MOTION: APPROVING THE FOLLOWING 2009 CONTRACTS FOR THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT TO BE PAID OUT OF THE GENERAL FUND: FINGER LAKES SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (\$39,000.00); SOUTHERN TIER LIBRARY SYSTEM (\$110,000.00); MARVIN RETHMEL – CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER (\$17.00/HOUR); STEUBEN COUNTY FEDERATION OF CONSERVATION CLUBS (\$3,000.00); FIRST TRANSIT (\$282,833.00); STEUBEN AREA RIDES, INC. (\$19,300.00); NYSDOT – FED SECTION 5311 CAPITAL FUNDING (\$329,600.00); ARBOR DEVELOPMENT, INC. – FORMERLY SCAP - CDBG HOUSING REHAB GRANT (\$390,112.00); AND NYSOPRHP – SNOWMOBILE GRANT (\$61,175.00) AND APPROVING THE FOLLOWING 2009 CONTRACTS FUNDED BY OCCUPANCY TAX: STEUBEN COUNTY CONFERENCE & VISITORS’ BUREAU (\$612,180.00); FINGER LAKES WINE COUNTRY (\$100,000.00); FINGER LAKES TOURISM ALLIANCE, INC. (\$11,500.00); ARTS OF THE SOUTHERN FINGER LAKES (\$35,200.00); AND STEUBEN COUNTY DAIRY FESTIVAL (\$750.00) MADE BY MR. WEAVER. SECONDED BY MR. FARRAND. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

3. **Informational** – Mr. Heffner distributed a handout showing ridership numbers from 2006 – 2008. Mr. Weaver asked with the price of fuel decreasing, have you seen an increase in the number of riders? Mr. Heffner replied it’s really too soon to tell, but this is a very important service.

Mr. Heffner also distributed his 2009 Planning Department Work Program for the committee’s review.

C. Historian

1. **Hall of Fame** – Mr. Creath informed the committee that the Hall of Fame Committee will be meeting to vote on nominations at the end of the month. This year the committee will be limiting the nominees that will be honored to three.

D. Administrator

1. **Empire Zone Contract** – Mr. Alger requested authorization to renew their contract with the Empire Zone for \$15,000.00.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO RENEW HIS CONTRACT WITH THE EMPIRE ZONE FOR \$15,000.00 MADE BY MR. RYAN. SECONDED BY MR. FARRAND. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

A. **Appointing Members to the Waneta/Lamoka Lakes District Commission**

MOTION: RECOMMENDING THE LEGISLATURE APPOINT NANCY GABEL AND JIM McAFEE AS MEMBERS OF THE WANETA/LAMOKA LAKES DISTRICT COMMISSION MADE BY MR. HAURYSKI. SECONDED BY MR. FARRAND. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

B. **Lindley Welcome Center** – Mr. Creath informed the committee that at next month’s meeting we will invite a representative from the New York State Department of Transportation to talk with us about the proposed Lindley Welcome Center. Mr. Farrand commented there are no current plans for a welcome center and that won’t happen for another three to four years.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN REGULAR SESSION AND RECONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO PUBLIC OFFICERS’ LAW, ARTICLE 7§ 105.1.D. DISCUSSIONS REGARDING PROPOSED, PENDING OR CURRENT LITIGATION MADE BY MR. FARRAND. SECONDED BY MR. RYAN. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENE IN REGULAR SESSION MADE BY MR. HAURYSKI. SECONDED BY MR. FARRAND. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. RYAN. SECONDED BY MR. HAURYSKI. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Amanda L. Chapman
Senior Stenographer
Steuben County Legislature

STEBEN COUNTY AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Monday, February 2, 2009

11:00 a.m.

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Vincent Spagnoletti Steve Catherman Peter Messmer
David English Frederick H. Ahrens, Jr.

LEGISLATORS: Philip J. Roche Patrick F. Donnelly Francis L. Gehl
John S. Walsh

OTHERS: Jeff Parker, Soil & Water Conservation
Brian Kelly, Regional Planner/Program Manager, NYSDOT
Mary Perham, *The Leader*

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Creath called the meeting to order at 10:52 a.m.

II. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Creath opened the floor for public comment. There being none, he declared the opportunity for public comment closed.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 5, 2009 MEETING MADE BY MR. FARRAND. SECONDED BY MR. WEAVER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

A. **I-99 Update** – Mr. Kelly introduced himself as the Regional Planner/Program Director for the New York State Department of Transportation. We are involved in capital programs and also participate in local programs such as CHIPs, Marchiselli as well as other local pass-through bridge programs. He commented that he has spent a lot of time working with Mr. Spagnoletti, Mr. Catherman and Mr. Messmer and they do an excellent job. You are very lucky to have them working for you.

Mr. Kelly stated the U.S. 15 – I-99 project may be eligible to receive federal stimulus package funding. Right now, there is not enough funding in the program to let the remaining part of the project in a single bid. We are progressing toward a phased delivery of that project. This project is a great candidate for the economic stimulus recovery funding. In the economic stimulus recovery there is \$30 billion marked for roads and bridges nationwide, which is less than 4 percent of the total proposed economic stimulus bill. Mr. Kelly explained there are two phases in the economic package. The early phase is use it or lose it. You have until a certain date to use half of your funding. If you do not, it is lost and reapportioned to other states. The second phase is uncertain at present.

Mr. Donnelly asked what is the difference between the project cost and the amount of funding that will be available? Mr. Kelly replied we are still working on the final design. We have a dedicated \$45 million available for the first phase of earthwork and utilities. The total project cost is in excess of \$100 million and there is a significant shortfall. Mr. Donnelly asked how long before the final design work is complete? Mr. Kelly replied all the roadway design is complete and we anticipate having the design work completed by the end of the year. This does not include the rest area. That could be sometime after that.

Mr. Creath asked is there a timeline for the welcome center? Mr. Kelly replied no. The cost for that would be over and above the other costs.

Mr. Farrand asked once the design is submitted, when will you solicit bids, award bids and start the project? Mr. Kelly replied as soon as we submit the design package, that is an indication that we are starting the construction path. If the economic stimulus funds are available, construction could begin as early as June 2009.

Mr. Ryan asked if you don't receive money from the economic stimulus package, then what happens? Mr. Kelly replied instead of doing the larger first phase, we would go back to moving forward with the major earthwork and some of the utilities.

Mr. Alger recommended the committee forward a resolution to the Legislature memorializing the completion of U. S. 15 – I-99 as a high priority.

MOTION: MEMORIALIZING THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONSIDER THE COMPLETION OF THE FIVE-MILE STRETCH OF I-99 FROM PRESHO TO THE PENNSYLVANIA BORDER A HIGH PRIORITY MADE BY MR. FARRAND. SECONDED BY MR. HAURYSKI. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0. Resolution Required.

V. OUTSIDE AGENCY REPORTS

A. Soil & Water Conservation

1. **Program Update** – Mr. Parker distributed his accomplishment report for the committee's review. He stated that they will no longer receive stormwater reimbursement from the State because there is no longer Federal money. We also will not be seeing the USC Precision Feeding grant of \$3,000 next year. This past year, the Soil and Water Conservation District brought in \$2 million to the County which means that for every dollar you gave us, we gave you \$9.00 back.

Mr. Ryan asked with regard to the proposal by DEC to inspect dams, is there an area where we can see if we can get stimulus money to pay for that? Mr. Parker replied the problem with the stimulus money is that it is more infra-structure based money. The private dam owners will not see any benefit from the stimulus package. We are working closely with DEC and he has gone to 90 percent of the dam inspections in the county. Due to a lot of public comment throughout the State on this issue, this proposal has been dropped at this point, however, they will review it again. Mr. Parker stated that he wants to see what is out there and see what the need is and see where we can find some grant funding. He has not found anything yet on the inspections that would create a problem if the DEC proposal went through tomorrow.

Mr. Parker informed the committee that he recently went to Albany to discuss the impact that the Governor's proposed 50 percent cut to the FL-LOWPA (Finger Lakes – Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance) Program would have. If they do cut 50 percent, that would leave us with \$42,000 to work with and we would have to eliminate doing some projects. He has sent support letters to Senator Winner, Assemblyman Bacallaus and Governor Patterson. One thing they would have to do is stop the weed harvesting program. This affects 25 counties that receive \$85,000 each, totaling \$2.3 million.

MOTION: OPPOSING GOVERNOR PATTERSON'S PROPOSED 50 PERCENT REDUCTION IN FUNDING FOR THE FINGER LAKES – LAKE ONTARIO WATERSHED PROTECTION ALLIANCE MADE BY MR. WEAVER. SECONDED BY MR. FARRAND. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0. Resolution Required.

VI. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS/REQUESTS

A. Buildings & Grounds

1. **Contracts** – Mr. Partridge requested authorization to renew contracts for the Corning Courthouse snow plowing, at \$65.00 per plow and Fire Alarm Monitoring, Testing and Inspection at 7604 Seneca Road North, Hornell at the same rate of \$288.00 per year for monitoring and \$325.00 per year for testing and inspection.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING BUILDINGS & GROUNDS TO RENEW THEIR CONTRACTS FOR SNOW PLOWING AT THE CORNING COURTHOUSE AT THE RATE OF \$65.00 PER PLOW AND FOR FIRE ALARM MONITORING, TESTING AND INSPECTION AT 7604 SENECA ROAD NORTH, HORNELL AT THE RATE OF \$288.00 PER YEAR FOR MONITORING AND \$325.00 PER YEAR FOR TESTING AND INSPECTION MADE BY MR. RYAN. SECONDED BY MR. HAURYSKI. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

2. **Balcom House Renovations Change Order** – Mr. Partridge informed the committee the vacant portion of the building should be complete by next week. The painting and floors are done and the HVAC, electrical and plumbing are pretty well done. Once those items are complete, they will move the Judge over and then will begin working on the other side.

With regard to the change order, he does not have the final figures from the contractor. On the Judge's side of the building, in the bid they only had listed 7 interior doors to be replaced and actually there were a total of 19 interior doors to be replaced in the project. These are not standard doors and they will need to be fabricated doors to fit in the existing casings and they will be specially built to match the six-panel doors that already exist. The contingency we had was small and we used that for the asbestos monitoring and for the replacement of the flooring in the back half of the house as well as moving one of the doors. The total cost for those items was \$7,000. The cost to add the additional 12 doors will be on us as the State has already given us their amount of the project. We are anticipating that this change order will be approximately \$12,000, but again, we have not received an estimate from the contractor.

Mr. Donnelly asked what is the total cost of the project? Mr. Alger replied we appropriated \$500,000 and in order for the bid to be awarded the project had to come in under \$500,000. We will be pretty close by the time we are finished and with the changes, we may be over that budget. The alternative is you just don't do the work and that is not reasonable. It will be very close to the threshold when we are finished and we may be over a few thousand dollars, and that was unforeseen. He stated that he doesn't think being over the threshold will be an issue.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO AUTHORIZE A CHANGE ORDER FOR TWELVE (12) ADDITIONAL INTERIOR DOORS UP TO \$15,000.00 MADE BY MR. FARRAND. SECONDED BY MR. WEAVER FOR DISCUSSION.

Mr. Alger commented normally we wouldn't do it this way. The complication is we need to get the project substantially completed on the portion that is the State's so that we can bill the State early in March as we are concerned they will take their money and we will not receive the reimbursement. When we get these doors, we will bill for them and get the State's portion of the money back.

VOTE ON PREVIOUS MOTION: MOTION CARRIES 4-1 (MR. RYAN OPPOSED).

Mr. Alger commented in the event that we run over the total budget, we have money in the Renovation of Historic Buildings account and will bring that request back to you if necessary. There is approximately \$160,000.00 available in this account.

- B. County 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. RYAN. SECONDED BY MR. FARRAND. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

MOTION: PRESENTING THE NAMES OF PERSONS SELECTED FOR INDUCTION INTO THE STEUBEN COUNTY HALL OF FAME AND CONFIRMATION BY THE STEUBEN COUNTY LEGISLATURE MADE BY MR. HAURYSKI. SECONDED BY MR. RYAN. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0. *Resolution Required.*

MOTION: TO ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENE IN REGULAR SESSION MADE BY MR. FARRAND. SECONDED BY MR. HAURYSKI. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

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

Respectfully Submitted by:

Amanda L. Chapman
Senior Stenographer
Steuben County Legislature

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LEGISLATORS: Philip J. Roche Patrick F. Donnelly

OTHERS: Dennis Fagan, Lamoka/Waneta Lakes Protection District

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Creath called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

II. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Creath opened the floor for comments by members of the public. There being none, he declared the opportunity for public comment closed.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 2, 2009 MEETING MADE BY MR. WEAVER. SECONDED BY MR. FARRAND. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

A. Lamoka/Waneta Lakes Weed Control Update

Mr. Fagan distributed a map of Waneta Lake, depicting areas that were treated for milfoil in 2008 and that will be treated in 2009. In 2008 we treated approximately 111 acres on the North and South ends of the lake. We have received a two-year grant from the Department of Environmental Conservation and will be treating 105 acres this year predominantly the northeastern portion of the lake. Mr. Fagan commented last year's treatment went very well and we had no significant milfoil. We treated the majority of the untreated areas to give us the best possible long term effect going into the future. We hope to have very little treatment over the next couple of years and that will allow us to build up our reserves. Also using the new chemical, we should be able to treat fewer acres.

Mr. Fagan distributed the 2009 budget for the Lamoka/Waneta Lakes Protection District. Schuyler County's fund balance is \$130,869.30 and Steuben County's fund balance is \$10,252.39. Steuben County's 2009 tax revenue equates to \$33,750.00. We opened bids last week and the only bidder was Allied Biological out of New Jersey and they will be doing the treatments of both lakes at a total cost of \$289,000. We also subcontract with Cornell University to do the plant surveys, as well as the Department of Environmental Conservation and SUNY Brockport to conduct fish studies. We are projecting the year-end balance to be \$1,500.00. Over the past two years we have spent in excess of \$500,000 and have not required bonding from either county. The Department of Environmental Conservation has been much easier to work with and they recognize the treatment as a success. We also saw a record level of native plant growth last year. The fish studies showed no adverse impacts and we will now only do that study in the fall.

As part of the permit application process, one thousand letters were sent to property owners and the Department of Environmental Conservation received three negative responses. The notice of complete application will be sent out later this week. When that is sent, we will need to advertise in the paper and the Department of Environmental Conservation will publish this on their environmental notice bulletin in Albany. We are hoping to have the contract for the treatment awarded within a month and would like to begin treatment of both lakes in early May.

Mr. Fagan requested the committee release Steuben County's fund balance as well as their 2009 tax revenue so that Schuyler County may get the appropriate bills paid in June.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE STEUBEN COUNTY FUND BALANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,252.39 AND THE STEUBEN COUNTY 2009 TAX REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$33,750.00 TO SCHUYLER COUNTY SO THEY MAY PAY THE ASSOCIATED COSTS RELATING TO THE LAMOKA/WANETA LAKES MILFOIL TREATMENT MADE BY MR. HAURYSKI. SECONDED BY MR. FARRAND, FOR DISCUSSION.

Mr. Creath asked are all the expenses for the two counties put into one pot and prorated? Mr. Fagan replied we do not prorate. When we initially set up the project when it required bonding, we did it on a volumetric basis. Schuyler County pays for Lamoka Lake and the cost associated with Waneta Lake is prorated with the two counties. This year, since bonding is not required, the two county cost is the tax levy plus the fund balance. Last year the cost you paid for was the last payment of the 2003 treatment and \$16,000 for the operation and maintenance expense. You have spent \$60,000 for those two years of treatment which overall totaled \$500,000.

Mr. Ahrens commented each county formed a district and we have intergovernmental cooperation agreements and Schuyler runs 2 – 1. The Schuyler County Treasurer is the chief fiscal officer for both districts on the application.

VOTE ON PREVIOUS MOTION: ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0. Resolution Required.

V. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS/REQUESTS

A. Buildings & Grounds

1. **Reclassification** – Mr. Partridge requested approval to reclassify the Head Maintenance Mechanic, Grade 10 to a Deputy Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds, Grade 11. There was a civil service exam and the individual is eligible. This year the impact on our budget will be \$500.00. He commented that both the Personnel Officer and the County Administrator support this reclassification.

MOTION: APPROVING THE RECLASSIFICATION OF A GRADE 10 HEAD MAINTENANCE MECHANIC, TO A GRADE 11 DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT OF BUILDINGS & GROUNDS MADE BY MR. WEAVER. SECONDED BY MR. RYAN. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0. Resolution Required.

2. **Judge Scudder's Chambers Change Proposals** – Mr. Partridge distributed a list of four change proposals for the committee's review. He commented that the first three proposals, listed as Change Proposal #5r, Change Proposal #7 and Change Proposal #8 will be funded by the State Office of Court Administration. The total of these proposals is \$33,377.00. Proposal #5r is to provide, finish and install 16 stain grade cherry doors and 6 paint grade pine 6-panel doors, including the hardware. Proposal #7 is to remove the existing wall liner, prep and install new liner and wall paper in five rooms. Proposal #8 is to remove existing wall liner, prep and install new wall liner to receive wall paper in 4 rooms. Mr. Partridge stated the fourth proposal; Change Proposal #6 is to provide 2 ½" soft copper to connect the chilled water supply thru the existing underground tubing to the Surrogate's Building at a cost of \$1,079.00.

Mr. Ryan asked what guarantee is there that the State will pay? Mr. Partridge replied we have it in writing and we have not had any issues with anything we have done with the courts. Mr. Alger explained we do intend to bill everything we can to the State as soon as we can. The intent is to get as much of their share billed by the end of the month. There are three funding sources; ourselves and two funding sources through the State. The first is the State allocation of court funds in the current fiscal year. The other is the reimbursement for space improvements

through their maintenance operating budget. We are most concerned about the share of the current fiscal year budget that ends March 31st and we will bill for that as soon as possible. Last month we were under the impression that we would have to eat this cost, but Mr. Partridge was able to have the State fund an additional \$30,000.00.

MOTION: APPROVING THE FOLLOWING CHANGE ORDERS TO JUSTICE SCUDDER'S CHAMBERS RENOVATIONS PROJECT: CHANGE PROPOSAL #5r - PROVIDE FINISH AND INSTALL 16 STAIN GRADE CHERRY DOORS AND 6 PAINT GRADE 6-PANEL DOORS, INCLUDING ALL HARDWARE \$18,296.00; CHANGE PROPOSAL #7 - REMOVE EXISTING WALL LINER, PREP AND INSTALL NEW LINER AND WALL PAPER IN FIVE ROOMS \$10,015.00; CHANGE PROPOSAL #8 - REMOVE EXISTING WALL LINER, PREP AND INSTALL NEW WALL LINER TO RECEIVE WALL PAPER IN FOUR ROOMS \$5,066.00; AND CHANGE PROPOSAL #6 - PROVIDE 2 1/2" SOFT COPPER TO CONNECT CHILLED WATER SUPPLY THRU EXISTING UNDERGROUND TUBING TO THE SURROGATE'S BUILDING \$1,079.00 WITH THE COST OF THE PROPOSALS #5r, #7 AND #8 TO BE PAID FOR BY THE OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION MADE BY MR. WEAVER. SECONDED BY MR. FARRAND. MOTION CARRIES 4-1. (MR. RYAN OPPOSED).

Mr. Partridge commented next month he will have two more change orders. The first will be a request for 7 additional lights for the Judge, the secretary and the law clerk offices. The second proposal is for the air conditioning. They plumbed in the existing fan coils that were there and will include 6 additional coils for the judge's chambers. Mr. Partridge commented that Judge Scudder was relocated to the smaller side of the building several weeks ago.

B. Planning

1. **Public Hearing on Land Submitted for Inclusion in Certified Agricultural Districts** – Mrs. Dlugos informed the committee that it is time for their annual thirty-day inclusion of land into certified agricultural districts.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC HEARING ON LAND SUBMITTED FOR INCLUSION IN CERTIFIED AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT DURING THE 2009 ANNUAL THIRTY-DAY PERIOD MADE BY MR. HAURYSKI. SECONDED BY MR. FARRAND. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0. Resolution Required.

C. Administrator

1. **Old Health Care Facility** – Mr. Alger informed the committee that they are in the process of finalizing the removal of the flooring in the Old Health Care Facility. We are actually proposing this as part of the stimulus package and requested consideration from our congressional representatives.

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

Respectfully Submitted by:

Amanda L. Chapman
Senior Stenographer
Steuben County Legislature

**NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR
Monday, April 6, 2009
@ 10:30 a.m.**

**Please send agenda items to the Clerk of the Legislature's Office
NO LATER THAN NOON
Monday, March 30, 2009.**

STEBEN COUNTY AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Special Meeting

Monday, March 23, 2009

9:30 a.m.

Legislative Committee Conference Room

Steuben County Office Building

Bath, New York

****MINUTES****

COMMITTEE:	Donald B. Creath, Chair Joseph J. Hauryski	Thomas J. Ryan, Vice Chair Randolph J. Weaver	Dan C. Farrand
STAFF:	Mark R. Alger James Gleason David English	Gregory P. Heffner William J. Partridge Frederick H. Ahrens, Jr.	Jack Wheeler Carol Whitehead David Hopkins
LEGISLATORS:	Lawrence P. Crossett Robert V. Nichols	Patrick F. Donnelly Scott J. Van Etten	Patrick F. McAllister

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Creath called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

II. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS/REQUESTS

A. County Administrator

1. **Air Quality Monitoring Bid** – Mr. Wheeler informed the committee they received seven proposals for the monitoring of air quality at the old Health Care Facility. He recommended awarding the bid to Envoy Environmental out of Buffalo, NY for \$14,757.00. Mr. Gleason commented they contacted the Pittsford School District who gave a very positive recommendation, as did the New York State Department of Corrections.

MOTION: AWARDING THE AIR QUALITY MONITORING BID FOR THE OLD HEALTH CARE FACILITY TO ENVOY ENVIRONMENTAL OUT OF BUFFALO, NY FOR \$14,757.00 MADE BY MR. WEAVER. SECONDED BY MR. HAURYSKI. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

B. Planning

1. **Small Cities Grant** – Mr. Heffner requested authorization to apply for 2009 funds through the small cities grant which will pass through to Arbor Development. This grant is to provide housing rehabilitation and well and septic system replacements for low to moderate income families. He anticipates the amount of the grant will be around \$200,000.00.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR THE 2009 SMALL CITIES BLOCK GRANT FOR HOUSING REHABILITATION AND WELL AND SEPTIC SYSTEM REPLACEMENTS FOR LOW TO MODERATE INCOME FAMILIES MADE BY MR. HAURYSKI. SECONDED BY MR. FARRAND. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

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

Respectfully Submitted by:

Amanda L. Chapman
Senior Stenographer
Steuben County Legislature

STEBEN COUNTY AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Monday, April 6, 2009

10:55 a.m.

Legislative Committee Conference Room

Steuben County Office Building

Bath, New York

****MINUTES****

COMMITTEE: Donald B. Creath, Chair
Randolph J. Weaver

Dan C. Farrand

Joseph J. Hauryski

STAFF: Mark R. Alger
William J. Partridge
Frederick H. Ahrens, Jr.

Gregory P. Heffner
Amy Dlugos
David English

Jack Wheeler
Vincent Spagnoletti

LEGISLATORS: John S. Walsh

ABSENT: Thomas J. Ryan, Vice Chair

OTHERS: Tom Tomsa, Cornell Cooperative Extension
Mary Perham, *The Leader*

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Creath called the meeting to order at 10:55 a.m.

II. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Creath opened the floor for public comment. There being none, he declared the opportunity for public comment closed.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 2, 2009 MEETING MADE BY MR. FARRAND. SECONDED BY MR. WALSH. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

IV. OUTSIDE AGENCY REPORTS

A. Cornell Cooperative Extension

1. **Personnel** – Mr. Tomsa stated that Mr. Ryan had asked him to come and update the committee on the status of reports of the Federal government to eliminate Cornell Cooperative Extension employees from the Federal retirement system. At first we were very concerned because there were four individuals who would be affected. For the purposes of retirement, there is a partnership between the Federal, State and local governments and the local universities. Cooperative Extension agents are USDA appointed agents and are considered federal employees for retirement.

There will be a two-year transition window and those individuals affected would be given a choice. They could convert to the State retirement system, and that works well for individuals who have not been in the system a long time. For those individuals who are close to meeting Federal retirement eligibility, they will not be getting a good deal.

Now it appears there is something that will work in everyone's favor. Cornell Cooperative Extension has approval to partake in the USDA voluntary early retirement which has authorized and reduced the age eligibility

down to 50. Carl Albers has elected to take part in this. He will be retiring from Cornell Cooperative Extension, but he will be able to come and work in a temporary appointed position for one or two six-month periods. After that time, the position will be advertised and it will be a new position covered by New York State Retirement. Someone in Mr. Alber's position with 26 years of experience should have no problem competing with other applicants for that position.

2. **Grass Pelleting Update** – Mr. Tomsa stated that he brought up a 40 pound bag of grass pellets which have come from the very first grass pelleting operation in New York State; Enviro Energy, LLC. This company is located in Delaware County and developed a grant and purchased used wood pelleting equipment.

Mr. Tomsa stated that the trials are being done in Steuben County and we are very suitable to growing grasses. We are number one in value of hay crops and number two in amount of land in hay and forage crops. The trials have also shown that we have approximately 40,000 acres of abandoned cropland. That is the equivalent of two, two-hundred acre farms that are not in production. We can get up to seven tons of grass per acre and the average is five tons per acre. Just the abandoned cropland alone could produce 200,000 tons of energy. Currently Enviro Energy, LLC is selling the grass pellets for \$200.00 per ton. We can't afford not to do this and we are closer now to having it actually work.

Mr. Tomsa stated we are working toward getting a demo project here and we will work hard to identify grants and loans. We have submitted a proposal for building a bio mass feedstock system. We have submitted an application for \$1.5 million and if accepted we would receive \$500,000.00 per year for three years.

3. **Training** – Mr. Tomsa informed the committee that on May 13, 2009 there will be a training at the Raddison in Corning entitled "Promoting Regional Assets for Economic Development.

4. **S.T.O.R.E.** – Mr. Tomsa informed the committee that last year they saw less attendance at the Southern Tier Outdoor Recreation Expo, however, they did draw folks from greater distances and had vendors from Ohio, Vermont and Pennsylvania. The Steuben County Conference & Visitors' Bureau informed us that as a result of this event we were able to fill more hotel rooms. We had a tremendous amount of positive feedback. We have scheduled this year's event for October 10th and 11th and are in the planning stages.

V. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS/REQUESTS

A. Buildings & Grounds

1. **Balcom House Change Proposal** – Mr. Partridge informed the committee that they are discussing a change order with regard to cooling controls. We do not have a final price, but the current proposal has more controls than what we will need and we believe because of that, the price will be higher than what we would like to spend. He anticipates having a final number by the end of the week. He existing 16 fan coil units did not have a valve and control for the cooling part. Right now the proposal is \$20,000.00 but we believe it will come in less than that.

Mr. Alger explained the \$20,000.00 includes installing the thermostats and we really don't need that. We are asking for the valve and hook control to the rheostat in the unit and that should make the price less. We have money set aside in the contingency for this.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO APPROVE A CHANGE ORDER FOR COOLING CONTROLS FOR 16 FAN COIL UNITS IN THE BALCOM HOUSE AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000.00 MADE BY MR. HAURYSKI. SECONDED BY MR. WEAVER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

Mr. Partridge stated that they will be papering the judge's chambers this week. The new roof is on and all of the ceilings are installed and are ready for paint. Mr. Alger commented that the windows over the front porch were raised up four to five inches and now have flashing which will prevent leaks.

2. **Corning Courthouse Eaves Reconstruction** – Mr. Partridge informed the committee that the eaves the full length of the building are coming apart from the fasteners and will not be able to be refastened. We are in the process of getting quotes and have already received two. He stated that he will bring the quotes back to the committee next month.

Depending upon what the committee would like to do, we have money in the painting project that we could use for the eaves and then push the painting back until next year. The other option is to take money out of the Repairs and Renovations Reserve and do both projects. We would put out two separate bids. The two quotes we received are \$8,450.00 and \$19,600.00. The painting costs for the courthouse should be around \$30,000.00. Right now we have 5 inch eaves and we would like to go to the 6 inch commercial eaves.

Mr. Alger commented we can have the bids so that we can accept either bid or both and we may want to accept both bids and appropriate additional money from the Repairs and Renovations Reserve.

B. Planning

1. **Steuben County Farm Guide** – Mrs. Dlugos distributed copies of the 2007 Steuben County Farm Guide. Cornell Cooperative Extension keeps the guide updated and have done a great job. We have this guide available on-line and it is updated. Since the last time it was printed was in 2007, we would like to reprint the updated version. The cost to reprint the books would not be more than \$2,000 and we could distribute them at farm markets and tourism booths. Originally these booklets were printed using a grant from Agriculture and Markets.

Mr. Weaver commented you could offset the cost of printing the booklets by having businesses take out ads.

Mr. Alger stated we could take \$2,000.00 from the Economic Development Fund.

Mr. Farrand suggested we ask for donations to offset the cost of printing. Mr. Weaver commented anyone who is in business would think \$25.00 is a nominal fee.

Mr. Alger asked do you want to ask them for a donation or do you want to say that there will be a cost to have their name in the booklet? If you say that it is going to cost, you may have a lot less interest. Mr. Farrand replied he would ask them if they have any changes to make in the booklet and ask for a donation.

MOTION: APPROPRIATING \$2,000.00 FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR THE REPRINTING OF THE STEUBEN COUNTY FARM PRODUCT GUIDE WITH THE STIPULATION THAT BUSINESSES IN THE BOOKLET BE ASKED FOR A DONATION MADE BY MR. HAURYSKI. SECONDED BY MR. FARRAND. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

2. **Addition of Agricultural Lands to Certified Agricultural Districts** – Mrs. Dlugos reported they recently held the 30-day annual window to add parcels to existing certified agricultural districts. They have twelve new parcels in seven districts.

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

3. **Roadside Beautification Plan** – Mrs. Dlugos stated in town comprehensive plans, they address the appearance of junk at roadsides. Currently the County does a lottery and last year chose three towns to participate and only one did. We were looking at a general statement from the County for support for roadside cleanup to help with economic development and tourism. The Environmental Management Council will work with Mr. Spagnoletti to solicit proposals from the towns and then select proposals and offer them reduced tipping fees to get rid of roadside debris.

Mr. Farrand asked will you hold this during Earth Day week? Mr. Spagnoletti replied it was suggested that we do this during Earth Day week. A lot of the towns tell us what week they want to do it. In the future, we could look at doing this during Earth Day week.

Mr. Weaver commented this is a good opportunity for community clubs such as Lions, Kiwanis and Rotary to get involved. Mr. Farrand stated that he would like to compliment Mr. Spagnoletti on the mobile work crews who are already picking up the County highways.

Mr. Creath stated he would like to see the towns invited to adopt a road. Mr. Hauryski commented that he would like to see more promotion of the Adopt-A-Highway Program.

MOTION: SUPPORTING A COUNTY ROADSIDE BEAUTIFICATION PLAN AND ENCOURAGING TOWNS TO SUBMIT PLANS TO BE REVIEWED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL MADE BY MR. FARRAND. SECONDED BY MR. WEAVER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

1. **HOF Luncheon** – Mr. Creath announced the Hall of Fame Luncheon will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2009 at noon at the Bath Country Club. He encouraged members of the committee to attend.

2. **Appointments to Marsh Ditch Watershed Protection District Administrative Board** – Mr. Farrand stated Steve Hoeffner and William J. Phelps have been recommended for appointment by the District's Board of Directors.

MOTION: APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE MARSH DITCH WATERSHED PROTECTION DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MADE BY MR. FARRAND. SECONDED BY MR. HAURYSKI. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0. Resolution Required.

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

Respectfully Submitted by:

Amanda L. Chapman
Senior Stenographer
Steuben County Legislature

**NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR
Monday, May 4, 2009
@ 10:30 a.m.**

**Please send agenda items to the Clerk of the Legislature's Office
NO LATER THAN NOON
Monday, April 27, 2009**

STEBEN COUNTY AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Monday, May 4, 2009

10:30 a.m.

Legislative Committee Conference Room

Steuben County Office Building

Bath, New York

****MINUTES****

COMMITTEE: Donald B. Creath, Chair Thomas J. Ryan, Vice Chair Dan C. Farrand
Joseph J. Hauryski Randolph J. Weaver

STAFF: Mark R. Alger Gregory P. Heffner Jack Wheeler
William J. Partridge James Gleason John Leyden

LEGISLATORS: Patrick F. Donnelly John S. Walsh

OTHERS: Jeff Parker, Steuben County Soil & Water Conservation District
Mary Perham, *The Leader*

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Creath called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

II. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Creath opened the floor for public comment. There being none, he declared the opportunity for public comment closed.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 6, 2009 MEETING MADE BY MR. WEAVER. SECONDED BY MR. FARRAND. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

IV. OUTSIDE AGENCY REPORTS

A. Soil & Water Conservation District

1. **Update** – Mr. Parker informed the committee that they have completed their update of the Steuben County Water Quality Strategy. This is a very detailed summary of every water body located within the County and the possible impacts as well as goals and objectives to address any impacts. He commented that he would like this committee to endorse this strategy.

The committee indicated that they would like to read the strategy before they endorse it. Mr. Parker stated this document may be found at www.steubenwaterquality.org and he could also make copies for anyone interested. This item will be placed on the June agenda for the committee's endorsement.

2. **Water Quality Projects** – Mr. Parker informed the committee that to-date, they have not received word on the no cost time extensions for projects they had last year but were unable to complete. We did ask for the extensions and are hoping to receive them. If we do not get extensions, then those projects will not get completed.

3. **Ag Grants** – Mr. Parker informed the committee that they are finishing up Round 14 grants which were from last year and were for pasture management and water facilities. The Round 15 grants for this year have been ranked and we were successful in getting the Canisteo River Basin CAFO Implementation Project

(manure storage) ranked 9th and the Livestock Exclusion in the Chemung River Basin Project (pasture management) ranked 48th out of 88.

4. **Ag Environmental Management (AEM)** – Mr. Parker informed the committee that we closed out year 4 for the \$40,000.00. We are waiting to hear what will be for Year 5, as we are not sure if it is going to be cut or reduced. The \$40,000.00 we currently receive pays for one of our staff's salary.

5. **Senate Initiative Program** – Mr. Parker informed the committee that they had applied for a grant for a four-wheeler with seeder and it was approved and we were reimbursed \$6,820.00.

6. **FL-LOWPA** – Mr. Parker informed the committee that they have not received the 2008 – 2009 contract, although they anticipate receiving it in June. We have learned that this program has received a 50 percent cut in allocation for the SFY 2009 – 2010. This means that the district will receive \$42,500 instead of \$85,000. As a result, the District will eliminate cost share assistance on water quality monitoring to four lake associations along with aquatic weed harvesting. Our main focus now will be hydroseeding.

7. **Stormwater Coalition** – Mr. Parker informed the committee that the Three-County Stormwater Coalition received grant funding to install rain gardens and build 50 rain barrels.

8. **Informational** – Mr. Parker informed the committee that they did stock Salubria Lake with grass carp in an effort to keep the milfoil down. The landowners raised money to pay for the fish. He stated their annual tree sale brought in over \$35,000.00.

V. **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS/REQUESTS**

A. **Buildings & Grounds**

1. **County Office Building Roof Replacement** – Mr. Partridge informed the committee that the current roof has been on for 22 years and is due for replacement. They received two bids for this project which had a base bid which has a 30-year warranty and an alternate bid with a 15-year warranty. He recommended awarding the bid to the low bidder, New Britain Roofing Company of Horseheads for the base bid with the 30-year warranty at a cost of \$498,000.00. He stated that the new roof will be fully adhered.

Mr. Partridge informed the committee that they had budgeted \$300,000.00 for this project and he requested authorization to transfer \$225,000.00 from the Repairs and Renovations Reserve to fund the balance of the project.

MOTION: AWARDING THE BID FOR THE COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING ROOF REPLACEMENT TO NEW BRITAIN ROOFING COMPANY OF HORSEHEADS, NY AT A BASE BID PRICE OF \$498,00.00 WITH A 30-YEAR WARRANTY AND AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF \$225,000.00 FROM THE REPAIR AND RENOVATIONS RESERVE FOR THIS PROJECT MADE BY MR. HAURYSKI. SECONDED BY MR. FARRAND. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0. Resolution Required.

Mr. Donnelly asked would any of this qualify for the energy study? Mr. Alger replied the energy study was for the Health Care Facility. With this building, the application for energy improvements is primarily lighting.

2. **Corning Courthouse Exterior Painting and Eaves Rebuild** – Mr. Partridge informed the committee that they had \$25,000.00 budgeted for the exterior painting and the lowest bid was \$31,444.00. The bid for the eaves rebuild came in at \$8,450.00 and they had nothing budgeted for this project. He requested authorization to award both bids to the low bidder, Carone Painting and to transfer \$20,000.00 from the Repair and Renovations Reserve to cover the balance.

MOTION: AWARDING THE BID FOR THE EXTERIOR PREPARATION AND PAINTING OF THE CORNING COURTHOUSE TO CARONE PAINTING FOR \$31,444.00 AND AWARDING THE BID FOR THE EAVES REBUILD FOR THE CORNING COURTHOUSE TO CARONE PAINTING FOR \$8,450.00 AND AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF \$20,000.00 FROM THE REPAIR AND RENOVATIONS RESERVE FOR THESE PROJECTS MADE BY MR. FARRAND. SECONDED BY MR. WEAVER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0. Resolution Required.

3. **Balcom House Update** – Mr. Partridge informed the committee that the Balcom House project is coming along well. They will be moving the judge and his staff into the new chambers the first week of June. The exterior painting has not yet been started. We did receive our first reimbursement of \$127,000.00 from the State.

4. **Old Health Care Facility** – Mr. Farrand stated we need to discuss the old Health Care Facility and get a timetable. He recommended that the committee ask the engineer to come to the May 27th Legislative Meeting to give a presentation on the status. Mr. Alger stated he will pursue that. We will ask both Labella and LPCiminelli to attend. We would want them to present the current estimate for the renovation of the current facility as well as an estimate of a new building for comparable agencies for comparison. The new building option is based on the same square footage demand by the same agencies, with the only difference being that is a building designed for that purpose, rather than a renovation. Mr. Farrand stated we need to get the Legislature involved and make a decision by December.

B. Historian

Mr. Creath announced that the Hall of Fame Luncheon was held on April 26, 2009 and it went very well. Mr. Donnelly commented that the event was very well organized and he heard numerous positive feedback.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. *Steuben County Farm Guide* - Mr. Weaver stated last month we talked about reprinting the Steuben County Farm Guide and asking that businesses make a donation of \$25.00 to have an ad in the brochure. He brought in a brochure from Hammondsport and noted that all of those advertisers paid \$100.00 for a small space and he doesn't think the committee was out of line to request \$25.00 to advertise in the Farm Guide.

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

Respectfully Submitted by:

Amanda L. Chapman
Senior Stenographer
Steuben County Legislature

**NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR
Monday, June 1, 2009
@ 10:30 a.m.**

**Please send agenda items to the Clerk of the Legislature's Office
NO LATER THAN NOON
Tuesday, May 26, 2009**

STEBEN COUNTY AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Monday, June 1, 2009

10:30 a.m.

Legislative Committee Conference Room

Steuben County Office Building

Bath, New York

****MINUTES****

COMMITTEE:	Donald B. Creath, Chair Joseph J. Hauryski	Thomas J. Ryan, Vice Chair Randolph J. Weaver	Dan C. Farrand
STAFF:	Mark R. Alger William J. Partridge	Gregory P. Heffner Frederick H. Ahrens, Jr.	Jack Wheeler David English
LEGISLATORS:	Philip J. Roche John S. Walsh	Lawrence P. Crossett	Francis L. Gehl
OTHERS:	Janice Hart, Fortuna Energy, Inc. Mary Perham, <i>The Leader</i>		

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Creath called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

II. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Creath opened the floor for public comment. There being none, he declared the opportunity for public comment closed.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 4, 2009 MEETING MADE BY MR. RYAN. SECONDED BY MR. FARRAND. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

IV. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS/REQUESTS

A. Buildings & Grounds

1. **Additional Services Proposal for Balcom House Renovations** – Mr. Partridge informed the committee that he received a request from Hunt Engineers requesting an additional fee of \$7,000 for additional services for the Balcom House Renovation Project. Our original contract was very specific and was just for the Judge's Chambers. In addition to that, we asked them to do the total exterior, total roofing, changes to bid documents to rebid, interior work including more lighting, electrical and ventilation for the second floor and renovations to the County's portion of the house. None of these items were in the original contract with Hunt Engineers.

Mr. Farrand asked will this additional money be reimbursed by the State? Mr. Partridge replied we should be able to turn it in and get a portion back on our tenant work. The total amount of the amendment to the contract will be \$10,800.00 and we have money in the project for this. The original contract was to design and prepare the bid documents for the Judge's Chambers.

MOTION: APPROVING THE AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT WITH HUNT ENGINEERS FOR THE BALCOM HOUSE RENOVATION PROJECT TO INCLUDE AN ADDITIONAL \$10,800.00, WHICH INCLUDES \$3,800.00 FOR REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES MADE BY MR. FARRAND. SECONDED BY MR. WEAVER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

B. Planning

1. **Agricultural Districts** – Mr. Heffner requested the Legislature commence the review periods for Agricultural Districts No. 10 and No. 11. The intent is to combine these two districts into one.

MOTION: COMMENCING THE REVIEW PERIOD FOR AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT NO. 10 AND NO. 11 MADE BY MR. HAURYSKI. SECONDED BY MR. WEAVER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0. Resolution Required.

2. **Farm-City Day 2009** – Mr. Heffner informed the committee that Farm-City Day will be held on September 26, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Jack & Evelyn Drum Farm located in Pulteney. More information on Farm-City Day can be located on their website at www.steubencountyfarmday.com.

V. **PRESENTATION**

A. Fortuna Energy, Inc.

1. **Marcellus Shale Drilling** – Ms. Hart stated Fortuna Energy, Inc. was established in 2002 and currently has 85 producing wells with 180 miles of pipeline. Our company has brought the economic equivalent of 730 jobs and \$15 million in tax revenue to New York State. We currently have lease agreements with 21,000 landowners which encompasses roughly 1.2 million acres of land. Our producing wells are averaging 432,000 barrels per day. The Marcellus Shale lies 300 to 6,000 feet underground and covers 54,000 square miles from the Southern Tier of New York, across Pennsylvania into Ohio and West Virginia. The natural gas is 98 percent methane and is market ready.

Ms. Hart stated during the operations they will not jeopardize safety for production. There will be a lot of truck traffic and they do what they can to mitigate the damage and noise as much as possible. She commented that she has heard a lot of comments such as the Finger Lakes will be dry in 7 years if we are allowed to drill. In seven years the Finger Lakes will still be flowing and the groundwater will not be polluted.

Mr. Farrand asked have landowners been receiving letters from Fortuna suspending their leases? Ms. Hart replied there is currently a moratorium on drilling in New York and the State tries to determine if gas drilling is a hazard to the environment and as such are not allowing permitting. The lease agreements have terms attached and if the company cannot commence operation within the term of the lease, the lease will die. Fortuna has asked landowners to extend their leases until the environmental review is completed. It is the landowners decision.

Ms. Hart explained the Marcellus Shale is impermeable and the only way gas can come out is through the process known as fracturing (frac). Prior to drilling, wells are testing prior to and after the drilling of wells. The liquid used for fracturing includes sand which keeps the fractures open and allows the gas to pass through. This liquid is composed of 99.5 percent fresh water and then includes 0.5% friction reducer, which is similar to cooking oil, and 0.025% of bactericide, similar to Chlorine which kills bacteria. There is also a 0.1% micro emulsion. With flow back you get 30 – 40 percent and can barely detect the chemicals in the water. The salinity is a problem with the flow back.

Mr. Ryan asked currently in the state do we have wells that were drilled using the fracturing process? Ms. Hart replied yes and they are producing. Mr. Ryan commented that he would assume that at that time the DEC did a study and you were permitted. What more information do they need? Ms. Hart replied the current environmental assessment is old and they did not look specifically at the fracturing process at that time.

Mr. Creath asked is the depth of the shale less in New York? Ms. Hart replied the depth increases the more south you go. Mr. Creath thanked Ms. Hart for her presentation. The committee will study this issue further and look at the preliminary draft of the Environmental Assessment from the Department of Environmental Conservation.

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

Respectfully Submitted by:

Amanda L. Chapman
Senior Stenographer
Steuben County Legislature

**NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR
Monday, July 6, 2009
@ 10:30 a.m.**

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Monday, June 29, 2009.**

STEBEN COUNTY AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Special Meeting

Monday, June 22, 2009

9:10 a.m.

Legislative Committee Conference Room

Steuben County Office Building

Bath, New York

****MINUTES****

COMMITTEE: Donald B. Creath, Chair Thomas J. Ryan, Vice Chair Dan C. Farrand
Joseph J. Hauryski Randolph J. Weaver

STAFF: Mark R. Alger Jack Wheeler Amy Dlugos
Carol Whitehead Tammy Hurd-Harvey Frederick H. Ahrens, Jr.

LEGISLATORS: Philip J. Roche Lawrence P. Crossett Patrick F. Donnelly
Patrick F. McAllister Scott J. Van Etten John S. Walsh

OTHERS: Jeffrey Parker, District Manager, Steuben County Soil & Water Conservation District

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Creath called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

II. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Soil & Water Conservation District

1. **Funding** – Mr. Parker informed the committee that their funding comes from County appropriations and State appropriations. The Governor took all of the funds out of the Environmental Protection Fund, which is where we get our appropriations, to help balance the State budget. There will be no reimbursements to districts statewide for at least another four to eight months. The County has given us two quarters of appropriations and that will get us through August or September.

The reimbursement of Soil & Water Districts is part of the Laws of the State of New York. We expend 100 percent and the State reimburses 50 percent. That equates to approximately \$170,000.00 per year and we will not receive that funding for at least another six months. We use the Agricultural Environmental Management funding to pay for one of our full-time staff (\$40,000.00) and that funding is also on hold. Another \$85,000.00 is on hold for the FL-LOWPA (Finger Lakes-Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance). Currently we are running that program with cost-sharing. We are doing hydro-seeding for the municipalities and the County Highway Department and are being reimbursed by them.

Hopefully the resolution that we are asking you to adopt today will educate the State as well as you with regard to how we appropriate funds for our operations. Currently these funds are operated on the real estate transfer dollars and the State has only received approximately 40 percent of what they had originally budgeted to-date. Mr. Alger commented our real estate market is not as severely impacted as Long Island and he is sure that is where the State is getting a lot of their money from. The Environmental Protection Fund will not have any money until the bottle bill issue is resolved.

Mr. Ryan commented we should send this resolution to InterCounty for their support. Mr. Alger replied we have a resolution for the Board's consideration and if passed, we will be distributing it to InterCounty as well as NYSAC.

MOTION: MEMORIALIZING THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO RELEASE BUDGETED FUNDING FOR THE STEUBEN COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MADE BY MR. FARRAND. SECONDED BY MR. WEAVER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0. Resolution Required.

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

Respectfully Submitted by:

Amanda L. Chapman
Senior Stenographer
Steuben County Legislature

STEBEN COUNTY AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Monday, July 6, 2009

10:30 a.m.

Legislative Committee Conference Room

Steuben County Office Building

Bath, New York

****MINUTES****

COMMITTEE: Donald B. Creath, Chair Thomas J. Ryan, Vice Chair Dan C. Farrand
 Randolph J. Weaver

STAFF: Mark R. Alger Gregory P. Heffner Jack Wheeler
 James Gleason David English

LEGISLATORS: Patrick F. Donnelly John S. Walsh

ABSENT: Joseph J. Hauryski

OTHERS: Jeff Parker, Soil & Water Conservation District
 Mary Perham, *The Leader*

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Creath called the meeting to order at 10:55 a.m.

II. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Creath asked if there were any members of the public wishing to comment. There being none, he declared the opportunity for public comment closed.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 1, 2009 AND JUNE 22, 2009 MEETINGS MADE BY MR. WEAVER. SECONDED BY MR. FARRAND. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

1. **REDEC Funding** Request - Mr. Creath informed the committee that he received a copy of a letter from REDEC (Regional Economic Development and Energy Corporation) requesting an allocation of \$10,000.00 for 2010. We have done this in the past and we get a return on the investment. REDEC provides loans to start-up and expanding businesses. Mr. Creath proposed this be included in our 2010 budget.

Mr. Alger commented they are small business oriented and have made loans all over the County. They provide loans to business in Chemung, Schuyler and Steuben.

MOTION: APPROPRIATING \$10,000.00 IN THE 2010 BUDGET FOR THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ENERGY CORPORATION (REDEC) MADE BY MR. FARRAND.

Mr. Weaver stated he would like to know more about them. It sounds like they are giving loans to business that cannot get loans elsewhere. Mr. English replied they augment loans and there is a certain amount of risk with that. Mr. Donnelly stated he had similar concerns last year, but found that it is worthwhile. Mr. Weaver stated that he would like to see a list of businesses that they have given loans to and how much the loans were for.

Mr. Farrand withdrew his previous motion. Mr. Ryan stated that he would like to see them make a presentation to the committee next month.

2. **I-99/I-86 Economic Development Plan** – Mr. Creath stated that Three Rivers Development Corporation has commissioned a plan for the development of I-99 and I-86. This will impact southeastern Steuben and he would like to invite Three Rivers to give a PowerPoint presentation to the Full Legislature on how they anticipate developing that corridor. We should be aware of the potential this has and it may shift some economic development from Chemung County to Steuben County.

Mr. Donnelly commented that he has seen the program and the Legislature would be well advised to see it. It is a great plan.

V. OUTSIDE AGENCY REPORTS

A. Soil & Water Conservation District

1. **Water Quality Strategy** – Mr. Parker requested the Legislature adopt the Water Quality Strategy as we use this for all of our grant writing. This also provides support data for any projects we apply for. This is a countywide strategy that will be focusing on continuing education on the importance of water quality, as well as the need for good land use development. The County does have problems with excessive sedimentation in streams and lakes as well as nutrient runoff from agriculture and runoff from salt storage stockpiles. This strategy also focuses on invasive species such as the giant hogweed.

This is a good strategy with a lot of documentation. We are working on getting copies to every library in the County. Mr. Weaver commented that this was very thorough and he was impressed with it.

MOTION: ADOPTING THE STEUBEN COUNTY WATER QUALITY STRATEGY AS PRESENTED BY THE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MADE BY MR. WEAVER. SECONDED BY MR. RYAN. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0. Resolution Required.

VI. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS/REQUESTS

A. Planning

1. **Steuben ARC Agreement for Transit Funding** – Mr. Heffner requested authorization to enter into a third-party agreement with Steuben ARC for 5311 funding in the amount of \$73,000.00. This will be a two-year agreement. Steuben ARC has been expanding their bus system and opening some buses for public use. More and more people are finding out that it is available.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT TO ENTER INTO A THIRD-PARTY, TWO-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH STEUBEN ARC FOR 5311 TRANSIT FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$73,000.00 MADE BY MR. FARRAND. SECONDED BY MR. WEAVER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. **September Meeting** – Due to the Labor Day Holiday, the September meeting will be held on Friday, September 4, 2009 at 10:30 a.m.

B. **Presentations** - Mr. Creath informed the committee that the Conference & Visitor's Bureau will be coming to the August meeting to give a six-month review and also will attend in October to present their 2010 budget. Finger Lakes Wine Country will be attending the September meeting to present their budget request and we also will schedule REDEC and Finger Lakes Tourism for September or October to do their presentations.

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

Respectfully Submitted by:

Amanda L. Chapman
Senior Stenographer
Steuben County Legislature

**NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR
Monday, August 3, 2009
@ 10:30 a.m.**

**Please send agenda items to the Clerk of the Legislature's Office
NO LATER THAN NOON
Monday, July 27, 2009.**

STEBEN COUNTY AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Special Meeting

Monday, July 27, 2009

9:25 a.m.

Legislative Committee Conference Room

Steuben County Office Building

Bath, New York

****MINUTES****

COMMITTEE:	Donald B. Creath, Chair Joseph J. Hauryski	Thomas J. Ryan, Vice Chair Randolph J. Weaver	Dan C. Farrand
STAFF:	Mark R. Alger David English	Gregory P. Heffner	Jack Wheeler
LEGISLATORS:	Lawrence P. Crossett Patrick F. McAllister Scott J. Van Etten	Patrick F. Donnelly Robert V. Nichols John S. Walsh	Francis L. Gehl David R. Stachnik

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Creath called the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m.

II. GENERAL BUSINESS

1. **Milk Income Loss Contract Program (MILC)** – Mr. Nichols informed the committee that presently the federal Milk Income Loss Contract Program (MILC) compensates dairy producers when the domestic price falls below a specified level. Dairy farms are in crisis and every dairy farm in Steuben County is losing between \$75.00 per cow per month to \$150.00 per cow per month. The resolution on today's Legislative Agenda is proposing that the MILC program be doubled.

MOTION: MEMORIALIZING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO INCREASE THE MILK INCOME LOSS CONTRACT PROGRAM TO DAIRY FARMERS MADE BY MR. HAURYSKI. SECONDED BY MR. WEAVER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

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

Respectfully Submitted by:

Amanda L. Chapman
Senior Stenographer
Steuben County Legislature

STEBEN COUNTY AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Monday, August 3, 2009

11:00 a.m.

Legislative Committee Conference Room

Steuben County Office Building

Bath, New York

****MINUTES****

COMMITTEE:	Donald B. Creath, Chair Joseph J. Hauryski	Thomas J. Ryan, Vice Chair Randolph J. Weaver	Dan C. Farrand
STAFF:	Mark R. Alger William Partridge	Gregory P. Heffner David English	Jack Wheeler
LEGISLATORS:	Lawrence P. Crossett	Patrick F. Donnelly	John S. Walsh
OTHERS:	Diane Lantz, REDEC Peggy Coleman, Steuben County Conference & Visitors' Bureau Mary Perham, <i>The Leader</i>		

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Creath called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

II. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Creath opened the floor for public comment. There being none, he declared the opportunity for public comment closed.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 6, 2009 AND JULY 27, 2009 MEETING MADE BY MR. FARRAND. SECONDED BY MR. WEAVER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

IV. OUTSIDE AGENCY REPORTS

A. Regional Economic Development Energy Corporation (REDEC)

1. **Overview** – Ms. Lantz stated the Regional Economic Development Energy Corporation known as REDEC, was established in 1980 as a not-for-profit organization. The original purpose was to provide loans to businesses to become more energy efficient. The focus changed in the late 1980's to economic development. In 1993, a separate corporation, REDEC Relending Corporation (RRC) was formed and they administer loan funds received through the USDA. They protect the assets of REDEC. We have a grant through the Appalachian Regional Commission and the USDA funds are received in the form of a loan. Ms. Lantz stated there are a multitude of different loan programs to help small business in the three-county area (Steuben, Schuyler and Chemung) to help fill the gaps that may exist in a program. A requirement for a loan is that there has to be a job impact; either creation or retention.

Ms. Lantz stated in Steuben County they have given out 330 loans to 150 businesses since the inception of the program. The maximum loan amount is \$100,000 unless the economic development is deemed significant enough, then the amount goes up to \$150,000. The average loan is \$45,000. REDEC has a 24-member board of directors. In addition, we have an 11-member loan review committee. We do make minimum annual site visits to each of our clients as well as require annual statements. All of our loans are secured by collateral and we do an extensive review of the business, their cash flow management as well as their credit.

Ms. Lantz stated some of the businesses that have received loans are Everything Medical, Graphic Solutions, StoreFlex, Prattsburgh Super Duper, Hornell Furniture Outlet, Hornell Comfort Inn and Finger Lakes Wine and Spirits.

Mr. Weaver asked what is the size of your loan pool? Ms. Lantz replied that varies as it truly is a revolving fund. We have \$500,000 - \$600,000 available. All of the principal is returned back and payments go directly back to the loan pool. Our operating expenses are covered by interest. We have an 8 percent default rate and currently outstanding loans are in the amount of \$2 million - \$3 million. We have provided over \$14 million in loans. The industry average for default is 15 percent.

Ms. Lantz informed the committee that last year they requested \$10,000 from Steuben County, \$10,000 from Chemung County and \$5,000 from Schuyler County. All three counties have been very supportive and we appreciate it.

Mr. Hauryski asked what form of outreach do you use? Ms. Lantz replied we have a great network of contacts with the Industrial Development Agencies. Our best referral is from our clients. We have a web site and send out a quarterly newsletter. We are also in the process of putting together a marketing committee.

Mr. Creath asked do you have job creation and retention figures? Ms. Lantz replied job impact overall has been the creation/retention of 3,700 jobs for all three counties. Steuben County has had 1,200 jobs created/retained although the majority have been job creations. These numbers are from the inception of our program.

MOTION: RECOMMENDING TO THE BUDGET OFFICER AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEE THAT AN APPROPRIATION OF \$10,000.00 BE MADE TO REDEC/RRC MADE BY MR. RYAN. SECONDED BY MR. HAURYSKI. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

B. Steuben County Conference & Visitors' Bureau

1. **Six-Month Review** – Ms. Coleman informed the committee that at this time last year they were 30 percent ahead of the previous year. They launched their new updated webpage over Memorial Day Weekend. Our new webpage now allows visitors to book rooms, book getaway packages as well as sign up for our newsletter and link to our partner sites. We have seen an increase to the actual number of unique visitors.

Ms. Coleman stated that with regard to media purchases, they contracted with consultant, Marshall Murdaugh who recommended that we need to shift back more to our online advertising and rely less upon radio and print magazines. The result, through the end of June is that we spent \$34,000 on advertising via online, television, some print and through trade operators. The number of travel guides that have been downloaded has increased, however our hard copy travel guide requests are still on pace with last year.

Ms. Coleman announced a new initiative, TAP (Travel Alliance Partnership) Dance, which is a consortium of privately owned touring companies selling each other's products. They have invited Danielle Roman to attend their annual trade show which includes 340 suppliers from across the world. She also was extended a return invitation for next year's show.

Let's Go Hike and Bike is a new program we launched with the Finger Lakes Tourism Association. There are 70 trails throughout the Finger Lakes, with 7 of those trails located in Steuben County. Mr. Farrand asked are you doing this along with the snowmobile club? Ms. Coleman replied no, but we would love to.

Ms. Coleman stated we are in a recession and things are very different from 2008. Typically our tourism economy has a six-month lag behind the rest of the State and country. We didn't see a slow down until late November. The first quarter room tax revenue was down 6 percent and the first half of the year was down 14.5 percent. The rest of New York and the industry as a whole was down 20 – 25 percent. These figures are through the end of May and our room tax year goes from December – November. We are seeing a lot of last minute planning.

Ms. Coleman stated with regard to funding, we saw a 15 percent reduction in our New York State matching funding. Every county saw a reduction from 15 percent to 23 percent. Our allocations have been reduced and the State is not paying the vouchers. Typically, when you voucher, within 30 days we receive the money. We vouchered in March and have not seen anything as of yet. There are 20 other counties that have not received their matching funds. We have two Explore NY Grants. Some counties have been waiting 18 months and longer to be reimbursed. This is a \$60,240.00 grant and we received \$15,000.00. We are forecasting that the matching funds will go away next year.

Ms. Coleman stated looking forward, we get a high grade with our destination. Tourism is quite strong and we passed the \$100 million visitor receipt mark in 2007. We have greatly outpaced the State and the rest of the region. People think we are doing a fairly good job. Everyone believes tourism is an important economic engine for the county. Our team does a great job. Most destination markets are organizations of 14 staff and we have a staff of five. Many other destination markets have a budget of \$4.5 million and we have a budget of \$700,000.00. Ms. Coleman stated we produce good conversions. We have a 50 percent conversion of people who request information which results in \$3.8 million in spending here.

Ms. Coleman commented the state of the economy is not in our control, and the consultant has made several recommendations. The first is that the mechanism for funding the Conference & Visitors' Bureau is flawed. Our board has discussed this and we feel there is an extra layer of control with the Legislature and the AIP Committee making the determinations. The other recommendation regards programming and that we need to regulate and evaluate programs such as Finger Lakes Wine Country and the Finger Lakes Tourism Alliance. They should be held accountable for what they do for this county. We have a marketing plan and hold ourselves accountable, as should they. We also need to work on getting a long-range plan in place.

Mr. Weaver asked with regard to the room tax, is there a way to tell how much is business generated versus tourism? Ms. Coleman replied no. We know that approximately 85 percent of the room tax is generated by tourism and 15 percent by group/business. This is a fair assumption.

Mr. Creath stated the economy is down and expenses are continuing. How will you meet your budget? Ms. Coleman replied we try to keep hold on our expenses. We are currently in the process of reassessing how our fall deployment will be. She stated they did have a situation where a former employee did some damage at the end of last year and we did receive \$25,000.00 from our insurance. We will put that money toward our marketing programs. Ms. Coleman stated we have to be fluid and adjust as best we can.

Mr. Weaver asked what do you think about generating revenue in the county with cottage rentals and paying a bed tax? Ms. Coleman replied she thinks it is a great idea and that is something they do in Yates County.

V. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS/REQUESTS

A. Planning Department

1. **Resolution to Support the Completion of I-99** – Mr. Heffner informed the committee that Southern Tier Central passed a resolution to help move things along for the completion of I-99. He requested this committee do something similar. We did pass a resolution a year ago. Pennsylvania is looking to complete their portion of I-99 in 2012. Our part of the project is the last five miles to Presho. There is quite a bit of design and bridge work involved.

MOTION: MEMORIALIZING THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO ADVANCE FUNDING AND EXPEDITE THE TIMETABLES TO COMPLETE THE APPALACHIAN DEVELOPMENT HIGHWAY SYSTEM MADE BY MR. WEAVER. SECONDED BY MR. FARRAND. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0. Resolution Required.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. **Marcellus Shale Report** – Mr. Farrand informed the committee that he had the Clerk of the Legislature's Office distribute the preliminary report for the Broome County Legislature on gas production from the Marcellus Shale.

B. **Meeting Time** – Mr. Weaver asked if the time of this committee could be moved back to 11:00 a.m.? The committee was in agreement and starting in September, the time of the meetings will be at 11:00 a.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted by:

Amanda L. Chapman
Senior Stenographer
Steuben County Legislature

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR
****PLEASE NOTE CHANGE** Friday, September 4, 2009 **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE****
@ 11:00 a.m.

Please send agenda items to the Clerk of the Legislature's Office
NO LATER THAN NOON
Monday, August 24, 2009

STEBEN COUNTY AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Friday, September 4, 2009

11:00 a.m.

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

MINUTES

Committee: Donald B. Creath, Chair Thomas J. Ryan, Vice Chair Randy J. Weaver
Dan C. Farrand

Legislators: Philip J. Roche Patrick F. Donnelly

Staff: Mark R. Alger Gregory Heffner Carol Whitehead Frederick Ahrens

Other: Jeffery Parker, Soil & Water Conservation Ginnie Lupi, Arts of Southern Finger Lakes
Mary Hickey, Arts of Southern Finger Lakes Lorna Llewellyn, Arts of Southern Finger Lakes
Morgen McLaughlin, Finger Lakes Wine Cindy Weakland, Rockwell Museum
Thomas Tranter, Corning Enterprises Teresa Van Etten, Hornell Arts Council
Debra McAfee, Hornell Arts Council

Absent: Joseph J. Hauryski

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Creath at 11:07 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 3, 2009, MEETING MADE BY MR. FARRAND. SECONDED BY MR. RYAN. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

III. PRESENTATIONS

A. Arts of the Southern Finger Lakes – Ginnie Lupi, Executive Director, introduced herself, Mary Hickey, Vice President and Lorna Llewellyn, Board Member. Ms. Lupi stated our proposal is focused on services and activities that directly and positively impact tourism and the quality of life in Steuben County. As such, we are requesting the County continue the same level of funding of \$35,200. She reviewed the types of services they provide to Steuben County artists, arts organizations and cultural organizations. Discussion followed.

Ms. Lupi stated continued funding from the County will allow them to continue and expand their services, which support and strengthen arts and culture in the County, thereby enhancing the County's reputation as a cultural destination and desirable place to live.

MOTION: ACCEPTING AND FORWARDING TO THE BUDGET OFFICER AND FINANCE COMMITTEE THE REQUEST FROM THE ARTS OF THE SOUTHERN FINGER LAKES FOR ROOM TAX FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,200 MADE BY MR. WEAVER. SECONDED BY MR. FARRAND. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

B. Finger Lakes Wine Country – Morgen McLaughlin, President of Finger Lakes Wine Country, introduced herself, Cindy Weakland and Tom Tranter. Ms. McLaughlin stated we are a regional tourism marketing group with a proven return on investment of \$18 for every \$1 invested. Our approach has been innovative and successful, and our strategy is to integrate strategically based upon market research. We are supported through room tax funding from Steuben, Schuyler, Chemung and Yates counties. We leverage both public and private money. Also, the funding from the public component is matched by Corning Enterprises. Traditionally our

funding from Corning Enterprises has been at \$250,000 but it was at \$200,000 this year due to the economic impact they have seen globally. This year they will match the funding dollar for dollar. It is critical that we continue seeing public support funding from Steuben County at the same level of \$100,000. She noted the other counties are at lower levels of funding because the amounts are based upon room tax collections. She reviewed their marketing report, highlighting the key findings. Discussion followed.

MOTION: ACCEPTING AND FORWARDING TO THE BUDGET OFFICER AND FINANCE COMMITTEE THE FINGER LAKES WINE COUNTRY'S ROOM TAX FUNDING REQUEST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000 MADE BY MR. FARRAND. SECONDED BY MR. RYAN. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

C. Hornell Area Arts Council – Ms. Van Etten stated the Hornell Area Arts Council is a not for profit, 501c3 organization. It was founded in 1972. They had grown the organization over the years and began putting on a series of performances, but due to the lack of demand in the area and poor attendance the organization became defunct.

Ms. Van Etten stated a group of volunteers have decided to start the council up again and it has taken a new turn. We're restructuring the organization and have decided to encompass a 30 mile radius surrounding Hornell. We are developing relationships through our new mission statement. The City of Hornell owns the building that the former Ponderosa Restaurant occupied and it is our intent to turn that building into an arts center. Discussion followed.

Mr. Creath stated in the past we have given \$10,000 in room tax funding to the Hornell Area Arts Council through the Arts of the Southern Finger Lakes. Since the organization was defunct, the Arts of the Southern Finger Lakes used that funding to initiate programs in the Hornell area. Room tax money is limited to the promotion of tourism. We'll have to refer this request back to Mayor Hogan to refine this proposal to see what type of return on investment we would see on the room tax funding. Mr. Alger stated he will contact Mayor Hogan and have him bring it back to the Committee for review next month.

IV. OUTSIDE AGENCY REPORTS

A. Soil and Water Conservation District

1. **Budget Proposal** – Mr. Parker presented the 2010 budget request for the Soil and Water Conservation District. He distributed a listing of his organization's accomplishments with the funding they received last year. He stated they are facing some challenges with the next fiscal year due to the State budget. It was difficult to develop a budget due to not knowing what type of funding we would be seeing from the State. We are working on proposals for the Stream Bank Stabilization Program, but it will be almost eighteen months before we know how much we would be receiving. Discussion followed.

Mr. Farrand stated this year they are asking for an additional \$3,000 from the County. That additional funding could result in an additional \$12,000 from the State in Performance Measure Standards funding. Mr. Parker stated the total request from the County is \$149,426.

Mr. Ryan stated Mr. Parker does a great job with the little amount of money they receive.

MOTION: ACCEPTING AND FORWARDING TO THE BUDGET OFFICER AND FINANCE COMMITTEE THE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT'S 2010 BUDGET AND FUNDING REQUEST OF \$149,426 MADE BY MR. FARRAND. SECONDED BY MR. RYAN. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

V. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS/REQUESTS

A. Planning Department

1. **Transportation Grant Funding** – Mr. Heffner requested authorization to have the Chairman of the Legislature sign the 5311 Transportation Grant application. The grant is for the amount of \$225,000 in Federal funding for the bus system.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LEGISLATURE TO SIGN THE 5311 TRANSPORTATION GRANT APPLICATION TO SECURE \$225,000 IN FEDERAL FUNDING FOR THE BUS SYSTEM MADE BY MR. WEAVER. SECONDED BY MR. FARRAND. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0. Resolution Required.

2. **Small Cities Block Grant** – Mr. Heffner requested authorization to accept \$224,000 in Federal funding for the Community Development Small Cities Block Grant program.

MOTION: ACCEPTING \$224,000 IN FEDERAL FUNDING FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SMALL CITIES BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM MADE BY MR. FARRAND. SECONDED BY MR. WEAVER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Brenda K. Mori
Deputy Clerk
Steuben County Legislature

**NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR
Monday, October 5, 2009
11:00 a.m.**

**Please send agenda items to the
Clerk of the Legislature's Office
NO LATER THAN NOON
Monday, September 28, 2009**

STEBEN COUNTY AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Special Meeting

Monday, September 28, 2009

9:30 a.m.

Legislative Committee Conference Room

Steuben County Office Building

Bath, New York

****MINUTES****

COMMITTEE:	Donald B. Creath, Chair Joseph J. Hauryski	Thomas J. Ryan, Vice Chair Randolph J. Weaver	Dan C. Farrand
STAFF:	Mark R. Alger	Frederick H. Ahrens, Jr.	David English
LEGISLATORS:	Robert V. Nichols	Scott J. Van Etten	John S. Walsh

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Creath called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

II. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. **Dairy Fiscal Crisis** – Mr. Farrand stated that recently he attended a meeting at the Canisteo American Legion regarding milk pricing. There is a second bill that would allow farms back payments sometime in February or March, which would help them out. The average price for milk is \$9.00 - \$11.00 per 100 weight which is the 1974 price.

Mr. Nichols stated the bill that Mr. Farrand is referring to is the Milk Income Loss Contract. They pay the farmers 45 percent of the money from whatever the base price is this month compared to the Class I price (drinking milk). For example if the price is \$11.00 on Class I sales and the base price is \$16.00 or \$17.00 they will pay you 45 percent of the difference. Senator Gillibrand is proposing to change the Milk Income Loss Contract from 45 percent to 90 percent retroactive to February and the first payments would arrive in March. This would be a one-time payment to put cash into the farms to keep them solvent.

Mr. Farrand commented we need to sponsor this resolution and push it forward. Mr. Ryan commented that he is afraid this will not be enough. Mr. Nichols stated the reason he backs this is because it will get cash to the farmers sooner. Changing the milk pricing system will take time and a lot of farms are running out of time. Dairy is a major part of the economy in this county.

MOTION: MEMORIALIZING THE STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS TO IMPLEMENT IMMEDIATE ACTIONS TO HELP RELIEVE THE CURRENT DAIRY FISCAL CRISIS MADE BY MR. FARRAND. SECONDED BY MR. HAURYSKI. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0. Resolution Required.

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

Respectfully Submitted by:

Amanda L. Chapman
Senior Stenographer
Steuben County Legislature

STEBEN COUNTY AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Monday, October 5, 2009

11:00 a.m.

Legislative Committee Conference Room

Steuben County Office Building

Bath, New York

****MINUTES****

COMMITTEE: Donald B. Creath, Chair Thomas J. Ryan, Vice Chair Dan C. Farrand
 Randolph J. Weaver

STAFF: Mark R. Alger Gregory P. Heffner Jack Wheeler
 Amy Dlugos Twila O'Dell William J. Partridge
 Carol Whitehead Frederick H. Ahrens, Jr. David English

LEGISLATORS: John S. Walsh

ABSENT: Joseph J. Hauryski

OTHERS: Tom Tomsa, Cornell Cooperative Extension
 Cindy Kimble, President, Finger Lakes Tourism Alliance
 Peggy Coleman, Executive Director, Steuben County Conference & Visitors' Bureau
 Mary Perham, *The Leader*

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Creath called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

II. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Creath opened the floor to members of the public for comment. Mr. James Stewart commented that the Steuben County Farm Bureau is doing very well with 500 members. The dairy farmers have been hard hit with the price of milk which is \$10.00/cwt; the lowest price since 1974. Most of our dairy producers only produce three million pounds or less. Mr. Stewart stated a couple of potato farmers in Wayland and Cohocton had shipments of their chipping potatoes rejected; and those sit piled in their fields. Mr. Creath thanked Mr. Stewart for his comments and declared the opportunity for public comment closed.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 4, 2009 AND SEPTEMBER 28, 2009 MEETINGS MADE BY MR. WEAVER. SECONDED BY MR. FARRAND. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

A. Finger Lakes Tourism Alliance

1. **Budget Presentation** – Ms. Kimble informed the committee that 2008 was a very good year for tourism as tourism grew by 2.5 percent. Tourism is a \$2.6 billion business in the Finger Lakes region. In our region, tourism has generated 57 thousand jobs which have an indirect impact of \$1.4 billion. We are attracting more affluent visitors to the region; the average income is \$80,000. Finger Lakes Tourism has converted 57.9 percent of its inquiries to actual visits to the Finger Lakes region. That represents an average daily expenditure of \$484.92 per party staying an average of 3.24 nights.

Ms. Kimble stated they are requesting \$11,500 for budget year 2010. We believe this level is justified based on our organization's marketing success and the returns on investment that have directly benefited Steuben County. During 2010 we will continue to offer an integrated marketing plan and look to get more cooperative opportunities from private partners. We will also continue to focus on the return on investment. For the \$11,500 you provide us, you get a \$17,500 value. We will also continue to focus on e-visitors. As part of your investment, the County receives a full page on our website and that is included in your membership fee to our organization. We also work very closely with the Steuben County Conference & Visitors' Bureau to make sure that all of the accommodations available in Steuben County are listed in our travel guide.

With the current economic conditions, it will be a difficult time for tourism. We were named in the top ten lake resort areas in the world and have received many travel writers to our area. We will continue to focus more on public relations and e-marketing.

MOTION: ACCEPTING AND FORWARDING TO THE BUDGET OFFICER AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEE THE FINGER LAKES TOURISM ALLIANCE ROOM TAX FUNDING REQUEST OF \$11,500.00 MADE BY MR. WEAVER. SECONDED BY MR. FARRAND. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

B. Steuben County Conference & Visitors' Bureau

1. **Budget Presentation** – Ms. Coleman distributed two copies of the AAA Travel Guide and we are the only New York State insert. There is a 4-page insert in partnership with Sullivan County to promote a driving tour from the Corning Museum of Glass to Woodstock.

Ms. Coleman commented the world economy collapsed in September 2008 and we felt the impact of that in November 2008. During this downturn, we are encouraging our partners to not drop their rates and that has helped to keep the revenue per available room steady and helped mitigate the occupancy rate loss. The budget crisis in Albany resulted in a six-month delay in voucher payments for matching funds in the amount of \$60,244.00 and it is likely that the matching funds for 2010 will disappear. We are currently seeing that the short-term booking window, seven days or less, is offering the best opportunity for economic growth.

Ms. Coleman reported that our conversion rate for visitors has been at 50 percent for the last two years. Our conversion efforts have resulted in \$3.8 million in incremental spending in Steuben County. We have focused our efforts on the off-season and have found that the summer tourism takes care of itself. Approximately 44 percent of visitors come to Steuben County during the Fall and 41 percent come in the Summer.

Ms. Coleman stated we will be looking at a \$60,000 - \$80,000 cut in our budget if there are no matching funds available in 2010. If that happened, our Fall marketing campaign in the Route 15/I-99 corridor will be eliminated (\$17,200) and our email marketing contract with eBrains will be eliminated (\$50,000). We did see a 17.75 percent decrease in Room Tax collections from December 2008 through August 2009, although last year was incredibly successful. We have projected the end-of-year Room Tax collections at \$804,489. We are the first three quarters in and the Fall is looking fairly good. Our 2010 projection is that we would be flat and we are projecting that at \$805,000. The economy is starting to increase, but the rate of unemployment is not and we need to be more conservative in our forecasting. For 2011 we are projecting growth of 5 percent. Another thing to keep in mind is the Swine Flu. We have seen a decrease in our international travel due to concerns about the Swine Flu.

Ms. Coleman stated that for the first time since 2001, the tourism economy in Steuben County is down. In the State the occupancy rates are down 9.7 percent and the average daily rate decreased 19.6 percent. In Steuben County our occupancy rates are down 18.8 percent, but our average daily rate is up 2.7 percent which will help in our recovery. Further shifts to internet based marketing will be critical to our future success. It is critical to increase our marketing during a downward trend and as such she is requesting \$673,398.00 for 2010. This represents a 10 percent increase over this year's investment and makes up the loss of our matching funds. We are going to apply for the matching funds from the State and if those do materialize, we will pay the County that amount.

Mr. Creath asked did you include the funding for the Route 15/I-99 Corridor? Ms. Coleman replied for now it is included in the budget; however, if the matching funds are not available, we will not do that campaign. We also included eBrains in our budget, but again, if the matching funds are not available, we will not do that program. Mr. Creath commented that there is a proposal to increase the room taxes 2 percent. He has heard from the Hammondsport Chamber of Commerce and they are against it, as well as numerous hotel and motel managers. We would have to be very careful about considering a room tax increase. If we ever considered it, it would be more like a 1 percent increase. Mr. Creath stated that he would like the County Administrator to study the room tax rates with regard to the real impact on occupancy and revenues. He would like to look at this issue next year. Ms. Coleman commented that historically, about ten years ago New York State was trying to fill a budget gap and imposed a 5 percent occupancy tax on luxury rooms (over \$100). That 5 percent was added on top of the county tax and the sales tax and the 5 percent was going to the State's general fund. That had an immediate negative impact, especially for the larger cities. She commented that she can look and see if there has been any research conducted on this. We have been hearing from our lodging partners who do not support this and our Board does not support this. We need to think through what will happen if we were to increase it. Now is not the right time to increase the occupancy tax. Mr. Creath commented that he would like to hold off on any occupancy tax increase until the I-99 visitor's center is opened.

MOTION: ACCEPTING AND FORWARDING TO THE BUDGET OFFICER AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEE THE STEUBEN COUNTY CONFERENCE & VISITORS' BUREAU REQUEST FOR ROOM TAX FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$673,398.00 MADE BY MR. FARRAND. SECONDED BY MR. WEAVER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

V. OUTSIDE AGENCY REPORTS

A. Cornell Cooperative Extension

1. **Potato Shipment Rejections** – Mr. Tomsa commented that he would like to touch briefly on the potato issue that Mr. Stewart brought up earlier. One of the reasons the chip potato shipment was rejected is because Cornell developed a variety of potato, the Andover, that has become a superior variety for chipping. Another reason for the rejection of the shipment is because the contract price is good for a term and when the open market price fluctuates, some processors, when the open market price dips, will find an excuse to kick back a potato shipment. Hopefully we will not see that happen too often. Unfortunately, some of the potato farmers in Wayland and Cohocton had their shipments refused.

2. **Budget Presentation** – Mr. Tomsa stated that for 2010 he is requesting \$365,000 which is a \$5,000 increase from 2009 and represents an 1.3 percent increase. Every county-appropriated dollar is matched by \$2.80 from outside sources to provide programming in Agriculture and Natural Resources, 4-H Youth Development, Nutrition and Food Safety, Family Financial Management and Home Energy Efficiency. Cornell Cooperative Extension continues to engage in activities to support and develop Steuben County's potato industry. We also are continuing to look into the potential for bio-energy and in 2008 we began our Switchgrass planting trials. Mr. Tomsa announced that Southern Tier Outdoor Recreation Exposition (S.T.O.R.E.) will be held on October 10th and October 11th. The Finger Lakes Center for Sustainable Agriculture, Food and Energy Systems (S.A.F.E.) in the County has been gaining momentum over the past year. Our biggest partner with this is BOCES as they see this as an important venue for secondary education.

MOTION: ACCEPTING AND FORWARDING TO THE BUDGET OFFICER AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEE CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSIONS REQUEST FOR \$365,000.00 MADE BY MR. FARRAND. SECONDED BY MR. RYAN. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

VI. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS/REQUESTS

A. Planning

1. **Agricultural District No. 10 and No. 11 Public Hearing Authorization** – Mrs. Dlugos informed the committee that they are finishing the review of Agricultural Districts No. 10 and No. 11 and requested authorization to set the public hearings. These districts are located in Hornellsville, Greenwood, Jasper and West Union.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE EIGHT-YEAR REVIEWS OF AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT NO. 10 AND NO. 11 MADE BY MR. FARRAND. SECONDED BY MR. RYAN. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0. Resolution Required.

2. **Hornell Area Arts Council Budget Request Update** – Mr. Heffner stated last month the Hornell Area Arts Council made a budget presentation to the committee. He has been working with them to fine-tune their request and to make sure they understand the use of the room tax funding. They would like to bring a more detailed request for funding to the November meeting.

3. **Coffee Cart Contract Renewal** – Mr. Heffner requested authorization to renew the contract with Carol Mozes for the Coffee Cart retroactive to January 2009 and continuing through December 31, 2010. Mr. Donnelly asked what are the terms? Mr. Heffner replied we provide space and electricity for her and she pays us \$300.00 per month.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT TO RENEW THE CONTRACT WITH CAROL MOZES FOR THE COFFEE CART AT THE COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 1, 2009 AND CONTINUING THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2010 MADE BY MR. WEAVER. SECONDED BY MR. RYAN. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

2. Administrator

1. **ProAction Building Lease Renewal** – Mr. Alger informed the committee that the lease with ProAction ran out in 2007. ProAction uses the lease as a match to all of the grants they receive. Mr. Donnelly asked what is the economic value? Mr. Heffner replied there is a per square foot lease value.

Mr. Creath asked does the Emergency Management Office need the storage space they are currently utilizing? Mr. Alger replied we still have things stored there. Mr. Creath stated that he is a member of their Board of Directors, and they would like to have that space. Mr. Partridge stated we require dry, heated areas for items that cannot be stored out at the county barn.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO RENEW THE LEASE OF THE BUILDING LOCATED AT 117 EAST MORRIS STREET TO PROACTION RETROACTIVE FROM THE DATE OF EXPIRATION MADE BY MR. RYAN. SECONDED BY MR. FARRAND. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

3. Historian

1. **Hall of Fame** – Mrs. O'Dell informed the committee that last year they had a budget of \$1,000.00 for Hall of Fame activities. A portion of that money is used to buy complimentary tickets for inductees into the Hall of Fame as well as for previous inductees who would like to attend. Last year was also the first year the we handed out plaques to the inductees. She requested \$1,250.00 for the Hall of Fame Banquet. Last year we had the Banquet at the Bath Country Club as the Presbyterian Church no longer is doing meals for larger groups. We had great food and we were very pleased with the service at the Bath Country Club.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE HISTORIAN TO SPEND UP TO \$1,250.00 ON THE HALL OF FAME BANQUET MADE BY MR. FARRAND. SECONDED BY MR. RYAN. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

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

Respectfully Submitted by:

Amanda L. Chapman
Senior Stenographer
Steuben County Legislature

**NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR
Monday, November 2, 2009
11:00 a.m.**

**Please send agenda items to the
Clerk of the Legislature's Office
NO LATER THAN NOON
Monday, October 26, 2009**

STEBEN COUNTY AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Monday, November 2, 2009

11:00 a.m.

Legislative Committee Conference Room

Steuben County Office Building

Bath, New York

****MINUTES****

COMMITTEE: Donald B. Creath, Chair Thomas J. Ryan, Vice Chair Dan C. Farrand
Joseph J. Hauryski Randolph J. Weaver

STAFF: Mark R. Alger Gregory P. Heffner Jack Wheeler
William J. Partridge Frederick J. Ahrens, Jr.

LEGISLATORS: Patrick F. Donnelly John S. Walsh

OTHERS: Mary Perham, *The Leader*
Scott Mazzo, Animal Control Officer, SPCA
Vicki Mosgrove, Director, Finger Lakes SPCA
Dr. Susan Farmer, SPCA
Jean Peterson
Marjory Cleaveland-Yeakel
Dr. Karen Doucette, Board President, Finger Lakes SPCA

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Creath called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

II. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Creath opened the floor for opportunity for public comment. There being none he declared the opportunity for public comment.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 5, 2009 MEETING MADE BY MR. FARRAND. SECONDED BY MR. HAURYSKI. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

IV. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS/REQUESTS

A. Planning

1. **Agricultural Districts** – Mr. Heffner requested authorization to consolidate Agricultural Districts No. 10 and No. 11 as a result of the eight year review of those districts. These districts are located in the Southwestern part of the County and the new district will be Agricultural District No. 10. As a result of this consolidation, we will now have 13 districts.

MOTION: MODIFYING, ADOPTING AND CONSOLIDATING AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS NO. 10 AND NO. 11 AS A RESULT OF THE EIGHT YEAR REVIEWS OF SAID DISTRICTS MADE BY MR. FARRAND. SECONDED BY MR. HAURYSKI. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0. Resolution Required.

B. Buildings & Grounds

1. **Closing Completed Capital Projects** – Mr. Partridge distributed a list of capital projects that he would like to close and return the remaining balances to the Repairs & Renovations Reserve. Mr. Gehl stated that he would like to compliment Mr. Partridge and his staff for the appearance of the Balcom House Chambers.

MOTION: CLOSING THE FOLLOWING COMPLETED CAPITAL PROJECTS AND RETURNING THE BALANCE TO THE REPAIR AND RENOVATIONS RESERVE: HB0109 COB – ROOF REPLACEMENT (\$27,000.00 PLUS INTEREST), HB0202 EXTERIOR PAINTING – BATH COURTHOUSE (\$180.57 PLUS INTEREST), HB5001 AIRPORT ROAD – HORNELL (\$205.00 PLUS INTEREST), HB6403 EXTERIOR PAINTING – CORNING COURTHOUSE (\$5,106.00 PLUS INTEREST) AND HB9901 SEAL & STRIPE PARKING LOTS (\$6,115.81 PLUS INTEREST) MADE BY MR. WEAVER. SECONDED BY MR. RYAN. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0. Resolution Required.

2. **Unified Court System Contract** – Mr. Partridge requested authorization to renew their contract with the Unified Court System for cleaning and maintenance for 2009 – 2010 for \$214,412.00. Last year the amount was \$179,000.00.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING BUILDINGS & GROUNDS TO RENEW THEIR CONTRACT WITH THE UNIFIED COURT SYSTEM FOR CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE FOR 2009 – 2010 FOR \$214,412.00 MADE BY MR. WEAVER. SECONDED BY MR. FARRAND. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

3. **Balcom House Project** – Mr. Partridge informed the committee that they received all the funding for the project. The court system paid the extra cost for the HVAC system and paid 60 percent of the engineering costs

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Hornell Arts Council - Mr. Creath asked have we heard from the Hornell Arts Council regarding their funding request? Mr. Alger replied we have talked with Hornell and have received their request and have responded to their request. They have a pretty good proposal for next year. Mr. Heffner commented the money is in the budget at this point. You will decide if you give it to them. Mr. Creath stated the Arts of the Southern Tier have spent \$10,000.00 of their annual allocation for the promotion of events in the Hornell area. Mr. Alger stated it was always set up to be that way. Mr. Creath stated he would like to see the budget for the Hornell Arts Council and he would like to be able to reduce the Arts of the Southern Tier allocation from \$35,000 to \$25,000. Hornell would still get their \$10,000.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Finger Lakes SPCA

1. **One-Time Budget Request for \$24,000** – Mr. Gehl stated after the Budget Workshop, the SPCA asked for a one-time appropriation and this request was given to AIP to review. He sent all of the Legislators information that he had gathered about the rescue of the horses so you could make a very educated decision. Mr. Gehl introduced Vicki Mosgrove, Dr. Susan Farmer, Dr. Karen Doucette, Jean Peterson, Marjory Cleaveland-Yeakel and Officer Scott Mazzo.

Mr. Hauryski asked what was the starting budget for the year? Mr. Alger replied they have been funded at the same level of \$39,000. Mr. Hauryski commented last year we gave them \$10,000. Dr. Farmer replied that was allocated toward the Cruelty Investigator and general operation. That money was separate from the care and feeding of the 80 horses that were rescued.

Mr. Ryan asked when you made your move on this, did you have a strategy going in and were you aware of the number of horses? Dr. Farmer replied she was the attending veterinarian that day and we went through all of the channels to obtain search warrants and the boarding farm had been visited previously.

Mr. Ryan asked what was your strategy? Did you plan what you were going to do with the horses? Ms. Mosgrove replied we planned as much as we could for 80 horses. We have a lot of donated time with foster care families. Did we have resources in place immediately? No. These horses were critical and there were no other feasible options.

Mr. Hauryski asked is the \$39,000 for general operation? Ms. Mosgrove replied that is for our cruelty investigation program. Mr. Hauryski commented you are looking for funding for horses, and that is part of your

general operation. Dr. Doucette replied the horses came in and there was no way that 85 horses were going to be taken care of by our regular budget.

Mr. Creath commented this was a disaster without a doubt and you cannot plan for it.

Dr. Farmer stated you can't turn your back on that kind of situation and it is important that we address cruelty in all aspects. No, we didn't expect to go in and have 80 horses come into our care. Ms. Mosgrove added she cannot think of any agency that would have been prepared for this. Dr. Doucette stated Ms. Mosgrove did an excellent job with three days notice of getting a foster network together to house these horses.

Mr. Gehl stated Office Mazzo is the cruelty officer and he was put on staff ten years ago and \$15,000 of his salary comes out of the dog licenses and the other is made up from the county. Their total budget is \$39,000. When they went in there were 85 horses; 1 was already dead and 4 had to be put down.

Mr. Ryan asked have you provided us with an audit of your operations? Ms. Mosgrove replied we have our accountant, Wheaton Fitzpatrick who completed an audit this year. Mr. Ryan asked would you provide us with that? Ms. Mosgrove replied yes.

Dr. Farmer informed the committee we have raised \$85,000 and through September 30th we have spent \$110,000 and have had additional expenses. Ms. Mosgrove stated we have a gap of \$14,690.48 and we still have horses. Mr. Creath asked are you asking for \$24,000? Ms. Mosgrove replied we brought that down to \$14,690.48 and we have 27 horses left.

Mr. Ryan asked why are the horses not at your new facility? Dr. Farmer replied it is not functional and not able to hold the number of horses that we have.

Mr. Creath asked you are looking for an appropriation of \$15,000 now? Dr. Farmer replied it is reasonable to expect the County to grant us a \$24,000 one-time allocation. Ms. Mosgrove explained we do not have a buffer and we have exhausted all of our resources.

Mr. Creath asked if we approved this request, where would we take the money from? Mr. Alger replied the Contingent Fund.

Mr. Weaver commented you have over 20 horses left and it is now November. What is the ownership status of those? Is there restitution from the people who were boarding their horses with this individual? Ms. Mosgrove replied we had gotten a list of the people who had boarded their horses with this individual and those people indicated they did not want their horses back because they were so sick. As a result, they signed over ownership of their horses to us. Mr. Weaver stated they should be financially responsible.

Mr. Hauryski commented if I'm boarding a horse, I find it hard to believe that I wouldn't go out to check on the horse. Dr. Farmer stated many of the owners lived out of state and they had breeding agreements with the boarding facility. Mr. Hauryski stated we are being asked to pick up the tab. Dr. Farmer stated we, the Finger Lakes SPCA, have picked up the tab and the costs of that have been itemized. That doesn't include the number of professional hours by veterinarians and farriers along with supplies and volunteer time.

Mr. Ryan stated his problem is we are cutting programs for the elderly and children and then turning around and giving you \$24,000. How many fundraisers a month do you do? Dr. Doucette replied we hold several fundraisers. You have a tough job and we understand and are asking for your support. We serve the entire county and we also help surrounding counties. We have not been sitting still and have had fundraisers specifically for the horses and we have been trying to rise to the occasion. We have been proactive and community contributions account for approximately 29 percent of our resources.

Mr. Weaver asked can you clarify the SPCA and the national affiliation within that? Officer Mazzo replied there are numerous SPCA's throughout the State. The ASPCA provides charters for the local SPCA's. Not every

humane society is an SPCA and humane societies do not have law enforcement officers. Only SPCA's can have law enforcement. An SPCA is their own entity. The money they raise is for their use. The ASPCA is run out of New York City and they do not come out of those five boroughs. Ms. Mosgrove commented the ASPCA offers training opportunities and smaller grants. We did consult with the ASPCA about this particular situation. Officer Mazzo stated this type of situation is not an ASPCA problem, it is a community problem. You would have had to pay to have this taken care of if you did not have the SPCA. Livingston County had to call Lollipop Farm to take care of an issue and it cost them \$50,000 and was not anything near the size of the situation we had. Mr. Mazzo stated he tries very hard to prevent this type of thing from happening. In this case, we had 85 horses that were underweight. If you would have had to hire an outside agency to do this, the cost would have been astronomical.

Mr. Donnelly commented they have already spent \$109,000 so far for the care of these animals. When you compare that to the \$24,000 they are asking for, it is not much.

Mr. Farrand commented that he has worked with Officer Mazzo in the past. We are fortunate to have him with us and law enforcement agencies depend upon him a lot. This farm is in my district and he understands how bad it was. He does not like the idea of giving \$24,000, but he also doesn't like the idea of being stuck with the bill. The organization does a lot of good and he would support this.

Mr. Creath stated Officer Mazzo appeared before the Legislature and told us that animal abuse is related to child abuse, spousal abuse, etc. I support this.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING A ONE-TIME BUDGET APPROPRIATION FROM THE CONTINGENT FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000.00 FOR THE SPCA MADE BY MR. CREATH. SECONDED BY MR. FARRAND FOR DISCUSSION.

Mr. Hauryski stated he was born and raised on a farm and currently lives on a farm and loves animals. A farmer talked to him the other day saying that he has to choose what bill to pay for the month and that they are going to lose their farm. If the economy was right, you would get more than \$24,000 from me. He stated that he was sorry, but he cannot support this.

Mr. Farrand asked that the SPCA provide the Legislature annual with their annual report.

Mr. Weaver stated that he is confused as to why we still have horses after 15 months. It is very difficult to adopt out horses. Dr. Farmer commented it took months before the horses were in any condition to be adopted.

Dr. Doucette commented this economy, as you know, is bad. We also have had other horse and dog rescues take place. We have done a great job and adopted out 53 of the horses. We are still working and have people waiting to fill out the necessary paperwork for adoption. We have also looked to other organizations, such as Lollipop Farm, to take some of the horses and they have begun networking to get them adopted.

Mr. Farrand asked what about auctioning them? Ms. Mosgrove replied we do not want to contribute to the problem and subject the horses to that. Some of the funding we have received is contingent on not allowing the horses to breed. Dr. Doucette stated our by-laws do not allow us to sell the animals.

Mr. Gehl stated talking about the economy, this may get worse. Animal abuse is connected to child and spousal abuse. This is where it starts.

Mr. Alger stated this funding would come out of the Contingent Fund.

Ms. Mosgrove commented this was a huge emergency and was not something we had expected.

VOTE ON PREVIOUS MOTION: 2-3 MOTION FAILS (MR. HAURYSKI, MR. RYAN AND MR. WEAVER OPPOSED).

Dr. Doucette thanked the committee for their consideration. Just remember, we serve older individuals as well as children. Our cruelty officer goes into people's home to educate them. Remember the big picture. Thank you for your time.

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

Respectfully Submitted by:

Amanda L. Chapman
Senior Stenographer
Steuben County Legislature

**NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR
Monday, December 7, 2009
11:00 a.m.**

**Please send agenda items to the
Clerk of the Legislature's Office
NO LATER THAN NOON
Monday, November 30, 2009**

STEBEN COUNTY AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Monday, December 7, 2009

11:00 a.m.

Legislative Committee Conference Room

Steuben County Office Building

Bath, New York

****MINUTES****

COMMITTEE: Thomas J. Ryan, Vice Chair Dan C. Farrand Joseph J. Hauryski
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STAFF: Mark R. Alger Gregory P. Heffner Jack Wheeler
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LEGISLATORS: Philip J. Roche Lawrence P. Crossett Patrick F. Donnelly
Francis L. Gehl John S. Walsh

ABSENT: Donald B. Creath, Chair

OTHERS: Jeffrey Eaton, Arbor Development
Ginny Bates, Arbor Development
Michael Hanna, Legislator-Elect

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Ryan called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Ryan opened the floor for comments by members of the public. There being none, he declared the opportunity for public comment closed.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 2, 2009 MEETING MADE BY MR. WEAVER. SECONDED BY MR. FARRAND. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

IV. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS/REQUESTS

A. Buildings & Grounds

1. **2010 Maintenance Contract Renewals** – Mr. Partridge presented his 2010 maintenance contract renewals. He commented that their contract with Trane increased from \$27,700 to \$28,700 for the Pulteney Square Complex and from \$15,700 to \$16,300 for the Public Safety Building.

MOTION: APPROVING THE FOLLOWING 2010 MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS FOR BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: ADVANCED SAFETY SYSTEMS (\$1,040.00); DAVIS-ULMER SPRINKLER (\$3,120.00); EASTERN SECURITY (\$2,951.40); EMERGENCY POWER SYSTEMS (\$825.00 FOR 911 AND \$575.00 FOR CIVIL DEFENSE); FIRE ALARM SERVICE TECHNOLOGY (\$2,762.00); HOLEVINSKI MECHANICAL & SALVAGE, LLC (\$100.00/PLOW HORNELL COURTHOUSE AND \$60.00/PLOW 7604 SENECA ROAD NORTH); IMPERIAL DOOR CONTROLS (\$435.00); SDS OF NY (\$780.00 HORNELL COURTHOUSE, \$686.64 CORNING COURTHOUSE); SKJ FACILITIES MANAGEMENT, INC. (\$248.00/WEEK); SOUTHERN TIER FIRE EXTINGUISHER (\$350.00); TRANE (\$28,700.00 PULTENEY SQUARE COMPLEX, \$16,300.00 PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING); THOMAS LANDSCAPING (\$65.00/PLOW CORNING COURTHOUSE); AND WEST

FIRE SYSTEMS, INC. (\$900.00) MADE BY MR. FARRAND. SECONDED BY MR. HAURYSKI. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

B. Planning

1. **Small Cities Development Block Grant Update** – Mr. Heffner stated that it is time to do another application for CDBG funds and he wanted to present the committee with a quick overview of the program. Through our applications to the CDBG, quite a bit of money has come into the County. There are two major components. The first is a program where money goes to large cities and distressed areas and requires no application. The second component is the small cities which is very competitive with several categories such as economic development and public facilities and housing rehabilitation. Mr. Heffner distributed a 10-year overview showing the municipalities, including the County, that have received funding, how much and what the purpose of the funding was. Over the past ten years, close to \$12 million in grant funding has come into the county.

Previously this funding was administered by Housing & Urban Development and now it is administered by the Office of Housing & Community Renewal. Arbor Development, previously known as SCAP, has been doing the housing rehabilitation program for quite a few years.

Mr. Hauryski asked what do you mean by public facilities? Mr. Heffner replied that would be public water and sewer and has to benefit at least 51 percent of the low to moderate income individuals. Municipalities apply directly for this funding. Towns and Counties have a limit of \$400,000 and there is a \$600,000 limit for comprehensive applications. He explained we do not apply for individual towns, we do a countywide application.

Ms. Bates thanked the committee for being supportive of this program. In 2004 we started by targeting well and septic replacements and saw that it was a huge need countywide. We have a constant stream of people applying for that program. We have concentrated on this basically because of the cost to replace a well or septic system. Once our applications are awarded, we have two years to spend the grant and what you don't spend in that two-year timeframe, you have to give back.

Mr. Eaton asked that for 2010 the County sponsor another grant for just under \$400,000. Yearly on average, we do about 70 – 80 home rehabilitation projects throughout the County. The Small Cities Development Block Grant targets specific projects for well and septic replacements. Our grant application is due in April. We are trying to reach out to the more rural municipalities. We know there is an impact because the individuals we have helped now have good wells and septic systems.

MOTION: SUPPORTING THE STEUBEN COUNTY 2010 APPLICATION FOR SMALL CITIES DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS MADE BY MR. FARRAND. SECONDED BY MR. WEAVER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

C. Administrator

1. **NYSERDA Grant** – Mr. Wheeler informed the committee they received a NYSERDA Energy Grant in the amount of \$25,578.00 to conduct an energy audit of the old Health Care Facility. We will look at the current energy usage and what we could change to make it more efficient. We also will look at incorporating alternative fuels into the facility. This does not commit us to any type of action on the facility

Mr. Farrand asked is the asbestos removal at the old Health Care Facility done? Mr. Wheeler replied no. It is over halfway done. They have two more wings to finish upstairs and then will be moving to the downstairs area. Our mobile work crew has done extensive work relating to removing the doors, ceiling tiles, etc. Mr. Farrand asked will we be under budget for this project? Mr. Wheeler replied we are right where we need to be.

Mr. Alger commented this grant allows us to do an analysis of alternative energy sources, particularly for heat.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO ACCEPT \$25,578.00 FROM NYSERDA STATE ENERGY PROGRAM GRANT TO CONDUCT AN ENERGY AUDIT OF THE OLD HEALTH CARE FACILITY MADE BY MR. WEAVER. SECONDED BY MR. HAURSYKI. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

A. January Meeting

MOTION: SETTING THE DATE AND TIME OF THE JANUARY AIP MEETING FOR MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2010 AT 1:30 P.M. MADE BY MR. WEAVER. SECONDED BY MR. FARRAND. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

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

Respectfully Submitted by:

Amanda L. Chapman
Senior Stenographer
Steuben County Legislature

**NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR
Monday, January 4, 2010
1:30 p.m.**

**Please send agenda items to the
Clerk of the Legislature's Office
NO LATER THAN NOON
Monday, December 28, 2009.**